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FROM COMMUNICATION  
TO INTELLIGENCE:

# RingCentral's AI-Driven Transformation At Scale

Inside RingCentral's evolution into an AI-first platform, transforming enterprise communication into intelligent, outcome-driven customer journeys at global scale.

In a world where communication has become the backbone of every enterprise, the shift from simple connectivity to intelligent, outcome-driven engagement is no longer a distant vision – it is happening now. Enterprises are no longer satisfied with tools that merely enable conversations; they are increasingly looking for platforms that can understand, assist, and ultimately drive outcomes from every interaction.

Leading this transformation is RingCentral, a long-time leader in cloud communications and now pioneering the shift to an AI-first platform that is redefining how businesses interact, collaborate, and deliver customer outcomes.

Headquartered in Belmont, California, and powered by a rapidly expanding innovation footprint in India, RingCentral's evolution

reflects more than technological progress. It represents a fundamental rethinking of what communication means in a digital enterprise, moving from a functional enabler to a strategic capability.

**Sathesh Murthy**  
SVP Engineering & General  
Manager, RingCentral India  
"We are in the midst of a  
defining shift, from enabling

communication to orchestrating intelligent outcomes. AI is the catalyst that makes this possible, turning every interaction into an opportunity to automate, assist, and deliver measurable business impact."

That philosophy – practical, outcome-oriented, and deeply customer centric – sets the stage for the company's next phase of transformation.



## From Cloud Communications to Intelligent Conversations

If the first phase of enterprise communication was about connectivity, the current one is about intelligence.

RingCentral's journey mirrors this broader industry shift. What began as enabling voice, video, and messaging has evolved into orchestrating intelligent, context-aware interactions that drive measurable business impact.

At the core of this shift is the integration of AI across the platform through offerings such as AIR (AI Receptionist), AIR Pro (AI Representative), AVA (AI Virtual Assistant), and ACE (AI Conversation Expert). Together, these agentic voice AI agents are capable of automating routine workflows, assisting human agents in real-time, and extracting actionable insights from every interaction.

Rather than being layered on as standalone features, AI is woven into the communications fabric itself, ensuring that intelligence

is present at every stage of the interaction lifecycle.

Communication is no longer just about connection; it is about comprehension, decision-making, and action

For enterprises, this translates into tangible outcomes: reduced handling times, improved first-contact resolution, enhanced customer satisfaction, deeper visibility into customer behavior, and embedded agent coaching – creating a virtuous cycle of better customer experiences and more empowered, effective employees.

## Rethinking Work in a Hybrid World

As communication evolves, so too does the nature of work.

The rise of hybrid work has forced organizations to rethink not just where work happens, but how it happens most effectively. In this context, RingCentral's approach offers an important perspective, one grounded in observation rather than ideology.

Instead of adopting a 'one size fits all' model, the company studied

how teams actually collaborated and delivered outcomes. The insights were nuanced but clear: collaboration thrives in person, while focused execution often benefits from flexibility.

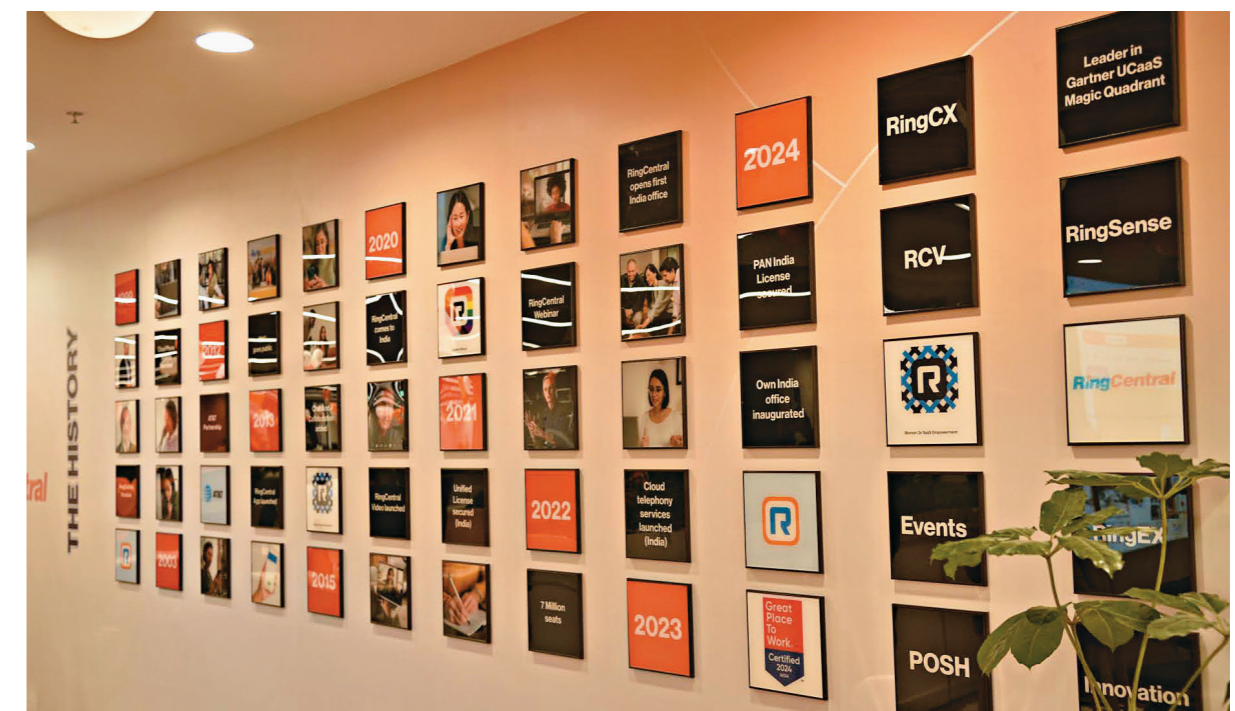
This led to a balanced framework that actively encouraged greater in-person collaboration, while giving teams the flexibility and autonomy to determine how best to balance it with focused, independent work.

This balance is not accidental, but reflects a deeper understanding that productivity is contextual, not uniform.

## Standing Out in a Crowded Market

As enterprises rethink communication and work, the competitive landscape for platforms has intensified.

In such an environment, differentiation requires more than incremental innovation. For RingCentral, it is built on a combination of reliability, unified experience, and AI-driven intelligence, delivering measurable





outcomes at enterprise scale

The platform supports organizations across the spectrum, handling millions of users and interactions globally. This scale is supported by a robust, globally distributed cloud infrastructure designed for resilience and performance.

Reliability remains a cornerstone, with “five nines” (99.999%) availability, elevating it from a technical metric to a business imperative, ensuring mission-critical communication is always accessible.

**The primary differentiator, however, is its aforementioned Agentic AI Voice Platform to embed intelligence into interactions.**

RingCentral enables organizations to move from efficiency gains to meaningful business outcomes, improving customer experiences, accelerating decision making, and unlocking new value streams.

**The Technology Backbone: Cloud-Native and AI-Led**

Delivering these outcomes at scale requires a foundation that is both robust and adaptable.

RingCentral’s platform is built on a cloud-native, microservices-based architecture designed to support real-time communication workloads across geographies. This enables the system to handle millions of concurrent interactions with low latency and high reliability.

Layered on top is an AI-led architectural framework that powers its Agentic Voice AI platform, bringing together intelligent automation, real-time assistance, and deep conversational insights across every interaction.

**The convergence of cloud and AI is by design, creating a foundation that enables continuous innovation while maintaining the resilience enterprises depend on.**

Importantly, AI is not confined to customer-facing features.

It extends into the engineering lifecycle, enhancing development velocity, improving code quality, and enabling proactive incident detection and resolution. This creates a compounding advantage, enhancing efficiency, improving productivity, and accelerating the journey from idea to impact, as teams are able to build, learn, and scale faster with every iteration.

The result is a system that is not only scalable, but self-improving, continuously learning and adapting to changing enterprise needs.

**Seamless Integration Across Enterprise Ecosystems**



Enterprises today require systems that integrate seamlessly with their broader technology stack, from CRM and billing to compliance and support systems.

Recognizing this, RingCentral has placed a strong emphasis on interoperability. The platform integrates with over 100 enterprise applications and offers APIs, no-code tools, and extensible frameworks that allow communication capabilities to be embedded directly into workflows.

**This is where communication transforms from a standalone function into a connected enterprise layer.**

As a result, conversations are no longer isolated events, they become part of a continuous flow of data that informs decisions, triggers actions, and drives outcomes across the organization.

**Building AI with Purpose, Not Hype**

If interoperability connects systems, AI unlocks their potential.

RingCentral’s approach to AI is grounded in first principles, focused on applying intelligence where it can fundamentally outperform existing approaches

Voice has emerged as a particularly powerful domain in this context. Conversations across sales, support, and collaboration represent one of the richest and most underutilized sources of enterprise data.

By transforming this unstructured data into structured intelligence, RingCentral enables organizations to automate workflows, generate insights, and improve decision making in real-time.

**Sathesh Murthy**  
**“We did not start with ‘where**

**can we use AI?, we started with ‘where can AI fundamentally outperform what exists today?’ That discipline is what drives real impact.”**

**This focus ensures that AI is not just innovative, but consequential.**

Customers can build intelligent agents using no-code tools, extend them with knowledge and action capabilities, and integrate them into existing systems, making AI both powerful and accessible.

**Technology Trends Reshaping Indian Enterprises**

The strategic importance of India is further reinforced by the pace at which enterprises in the region are adopting cloud and AI technologies.

India’s rapidly growing UCaaS market is driven by mobile-first adoption and supportive regulatory developments, while the CCaaS segment is gaining momentum as enterprises replace legacy infrastructure with modern, AI-driven customer engagement platforms that automate interactions and assist agents across digital channels.

**Integrated solutions such as RingCentral’s RingCX are**

shaping this evolution by unifying communications, contact center capabilities, and AI into a single, seamless experience.

What sets India apart is not just adoption, but the speed and scale at which it is happening.

As a result, the country is becoming a proving ground for AI-led communication at enterprise scale, spanning both UCaaS and next-generation CCaaS capabilities.

**India: A Strategic Engine of Growth and Innovation**

As the platform evolves, so does the role of geography in innovation.

For RingCentral, India is not just a regional market; it is a strategic engine of both growth and capability.

The country’s rapid digital transformation, mobile-first enterprise landscape, and increasing adoption of AI-driven systems make it a natural fit for next-generation communication platforms.

At the same time, India’s talent ecosystem provides deep expertise in distributed systems, cloud infrastructure, and artificial intelligence.





Under the leadership of Sathesh Murthy, the India organization has evolved into a high-impact center of excellence, deeply integrated into the company's global product and engineering ecosystem.

This integration ensures that innovation is distributed, not centralized, accelerating both speed and scale.

#### A Culture Built for Speed and Scale

Operating at global scale, with teams distributed across geographies and time zones, RingCentral's organizational structure could easily become complex. Instead, RingCentral has turned this distribution into a strategic advantage by creating an organizational model that emphasizes both autonomy and alignment. The philosophy of "Build local, Ship global" allows teams to move quickly while contributing to a unified platform.

Decision making is driven by clarity and ownership, while collaboration is enabled through a blend of synchronous and asynchronous communication.

#### Sathesh Murthy

**"Agility in the AI era comes down to two things: how fast you make decisions, and how fast you can translate those decisions into shipped outcomes."**

In this model, speed is not about moving fast in isolation; it is about coordinated velocity across the organization.

This enables the company to operate with startup-like agility while maintaining enterprise-grade reliability.

#### Looking Ahead

As RingCentral looks ahead, the strategy is anchored in purposeful innovation and focused execution, with India playing a central role as both a talent hub and a market where AI adoption is accelerating at scale.

The opportunity in India is both expansive and defining. With a rapidly digitizing enterprise base, a mobile-first workforce, and increasing openness to AI-led transformation, organizations across sectors are reimagining how they engage customers and operate at scale. From

large enterprises modernizing contact centers to digital-native companies embedding AI into every interaction from day one, India is fast emerging as one of the most dynamic environments for next-generation communication platforms.

Beyond scale, India offers a unique combination of diversity and complexity, across industries, languages, and customer behaviors, making it an ideal proving ground for AI-driven communication models. Solutions built and refined in this environment are inherently designed for scale, adaptability, and real-world complexity, creating a powerful feedback loop where innovations developed in India can be extended globally with speed and confidence.

At a global level, the priorities remain consistent: building AI products that deliver measurable value, attracting top talent, and expanding in markets with strong demand.

#### Sathesh Murthy

**"In a market full of AI talk, our focus is simple: build what works, scale what delivers value, and stay grounded in real customer outcomes."**

Ultimately, the companies that will lead in the AI era are not those that adopt technology the fastest, but those that fundamentally rethink how technology drives outcomes.

As communication evolves into an intelligent, autonomous layer across the enterprise, RingCentral's Agentic Voice AI platform is poised to become the operating system for modern, AI-driven businesses, powering how organizations connect, engage, and execute at scale.

## TRANSFORMING RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE:

# The Case For Ballastless Track Systems

Mr Phani Kumar has rich experience in Railway/Metro Systems Engineering, including Track, 3rd Rail, Signalling & Telecom Control Systems, apart from Civil.



#### DONEPUDI VENKATA RAMA PHANI KUMAR

CEO | Patil Rail Infrastructure Private Limited

As rail networks continue to evolve, the focus is no longer just on expansion, but on building systems that are faster, more reliable, and built to last. In a recent interaction with Mr. Donepudi V.R. Phani Kumar, CEO of the core railway business at Patil Rail Infra Group and a key expert in ballastless track systems, one thing became clear, the future of rail infrastructure lies in precision-driven design and integrated thinking.

#### Moving Beyond Traditional Track Systems

Ballastless track, or slab track, marks a significant shift from conventional railway construction. Instead of relying on layers of crushed stone and sleepers, it uses a rigid, multi-layered concrete structure that offers far greater stability and accuracy. This is why it has become the preferred choice for high-speed rail, metro systems, and heavy-haul corridors across the world.

What makes this system particularly effective is how it balances rigidity with flexibility. While the concrete slab forms a strong base, elasticity is introduced through fastening systems and rail pads that absorb vibrations and allow controlled movement. Supporting this is

a hydraulically bonded layer beneath the slab, which enhances load-bearing capacity and ensures long-term performance. The construction process itself reflects this focus on precision. Track slabs are manufactured in controlled factory environments using automated systems, ensuring consistent quality. Each slab is tested using laser-based measurements and tracked digitally for accuracy.

On-site, installation is carried out with remarkable precision, often within a tolerance of just  $\pm 1.0$  mm. Once placed, the slabs are aligned and fixed using self-compacting concrete or mortar, creating a stable and permanent structure. The result is a track system that requires less maintenance and delivers consistent performance over time.

#### Precision, Mechanisation, and Integrated Rail Systems

Globally proven systems such as Slab Track, Max Bögl, Japan's J-Slab highlight how prefabrication and engineering innovation can address challenges like noise & vibration, temperature variation, and durability. However, as Mr. Phani Kumar emphasizes, the next leap forward lies in greater mechanisation. Technologies such as track slab laying cars,

3D-guided automated pavers, and rail feeder systems can significantly improve speed, accuracy, and cost efficiency. At the same time, they contribute to safer execution and reduced environmental impact. Embedding such technologies into project planning and specifications will be critical for future-ready rail infrastructure.

Equally important is the need to view rail systems holistically. True transformation does not come from track innovation alone, but from integrating every component - civil structures, track, signalling, power systems, SCADA, and rolling stock into one cohesive ecosystem. This integrated approach ensures better performance, longer service life, and improved reliability.

As India continues to modernize its rail network, ballastless track systems present a clear opportunity. They are not just an upgrade in construction, they represent a shift in mindset, where precision, technology, and long-term efficiency come together to redefine how rail infrastructure is built.



MR NIRMAL JAIN AND MR R. VENKATARAMAN

## THE FAIRFAX BOOSTER: Reinvention Of IIFL Capital

Legacy of Visionary Serial Entrepreneurs Nirmal Jain and R Venkataraman Recognised Again

In the late 1990s, when India's equity culture was still confined to a small club of brokers, bankers and business families, two entrepreneurs saw an opportunity hidden in plain sight.

India was changing. Liberalisation had opened the economy. Retail investors were discovering equities. Information was becoming democratized. Yet the architecture of Indian financial services remained fragmented, relationship-driven and opaque.

From a modest office in Mumbai, Nirmal Jain and R. Venkataraman began building 5paisa.com – India's first discount broker, which democratized Indian broking industry – and what would eventually evolve into IIFL Capital Services Limited – one of India's most diversified capital market franchises with over \$24 billion worth of assets under management and advice. Nearly three decades later, the company has

entered another transformational phase.

On May 7, 2026, Canada-based Fairfax India Holdings Corporation announced a ₹2,000 crore capital infusion into IIFL Capital through a preferential allotment at ₹350 per share, alongside an open offer and promoter arrangements that would increase Fairfax India's stake to at least 51 percent.

For India's financial markets, the deal was more than a routine investment announcement. It marked the culmination of a long entrepreneurial journey—and the beginning of IIFL Capital's evolution from a domestic brokerage powerhouse into a global-scale wealth and capital markets institution.

The symbolism of the transaction was hard to miss.

At a time when international investors remain selective about deploying large pools of capital

into emerging-market financial institutions, Fairfax chose not merely to invest further in IIFL Capital, but effectively become its controlling shareholder while retaining the founders as co-promoters.

That distinction matters.

"This relationship has been built on deep mutual trust, shared values, and a long-term commitment to institution building," Nirmal Jain said while announcing the transaction.

In many ways, the history of IIFL Capital mirrors the rise of modern Indian finance itself.

The company traces its roots to the founding of India Infoline in 1995, when India's capital markets were still transitioning from open-outcry trading to digitized exchanges.

At the time, research access was limited largely to institutions and affluent investors. Nirmal Jain, an IIMA MBA and rank-holder chartered accountant with an instinctive understanding of markets, sensed that information and financial participation would eventually become mass-market phenomena.

By the 2010s, IIFL had emerged as a recognizable force across multiple financial verticals, competing simultaneously with traditional brokerage firms, private banks and emerging fintech platforms.

Executives familiar with the group's evolution often describe Jain as a founder who combined entrepreneurial aggression with market pragmatism. R. Venkataraman, meanwhile, emerged as the operational strategist who helped institutionalize and scale the business. Besides IIFL Capital, Jain and Venkataraman are credited with founding three other listed entities – IIFL Finance, 360 ONE Wealth\* and 5paisa Capital with combined market capitalisation of close to \$8 billion. Jain and Venkataraman are legends in Indian financial services industry for creating not only one, but four

successful listed companies with strong investor backing.

Together, the duo built a group that understood both retail India and institutional capital—an unusual combination in Indian finance. Their serial entrepreneurship skills were noticed by major Indian and global investors including Fairfax of Canada. The Fairfax partnership became a crucial chapter in the IIFL story.

Led globally by billionaire investor Prem Watsa, also known as Warren Buffer of Canada, Fairfax developed a reputation over decades for identifying long-term opportunities in financial services businesses. Its association with the IIFL Group stretches back more than 15 years. Watsa has appreciated the entrepreneurial success of Jain and Venkataraman on multiple occasions.

Over time, the relationship evolved beyond capital.

Fairfax became a strategic validator of the IIFL franchise at critical moments of growth and transition. In India's financial ecosystem—where reputation and trust are often as valuable as balance sheet strength—the endorsement of a globally respected investor carried immense significance.

Now, with the latest ₹2,000 crore infusion, that partnership is entering a new phase altogether.

According to the company, the capital infusion will strengthen IIFL Capital's balance sheet and accelerate growth across capital markets, wealth management, institutional equities, investment banking and asset management businesses.

But industry observers believe the larger strategic ambition is even more consequential.

India is witnessing one of the most significant wealth creation



MR PREM WATSA

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cycles in its history. The country's affluent population is expanding rapidly. Domestic participation in equities has surged. Family offices are proliferating. Alternative assets are moving mainstream. And millions of first-generation investors are entering formal financial markets for the first time.

This structural transformation is reshaping the economics of financial services and IIFL Capital appears determined to position itself at the heart of that transition.

"We are transforming into a major wealth management company," R. Venkataraman recently remarked in an interview, reflecting the strategic shift underway within the organization.

The timing is significant.

India's wealth management industry is projected to expand dramatically over the next decade, driven by rising financialisation, entrepreneurial wealth creation and increasing sophistication among investors.

Large institutions with strong balance sheets, distribution capabilities, research infrastructure and regulatory credibility are likely to dominate the next phase of industry consolidation. Fairfax's investment potentially gives IIFL Capital a decisive advantage in that race.

Beyond capital, Fairfax brings

something equally valuable: institutional gravitas.

The proposed induction of Fairfax nominees onto the board is expected to strengthen governance standards, risk management systems and global relationships. Market participants believe the association could also lower the company's long-term cost of capital while expanding international investor access.

Today, IIFL Capital operates across institutional equities, investment banking, wealth advisory, distribution, research and asset management. Its institutional research franchise is widely tracked across Indian markets. It is India's no 1 investment banker for IPOs as per Prime Database. Its wealth management operations cater to affluent and ultra-high-net-worth clients across India.

Unlike many financial conglomerates weighed down by bureaucracy, IIFL Capital continues to function with the agility of a founder-led institution. Decision-making remains fast. Market responsiveness remains high. And execution intensity continues to define internal culture.

That combination—institutional scale with entrepreneurial speed—may ultimately become its biggest competitive advantage.

Even after Fairfax joins the promoter group, both Nirmal Jain and R. Venkataraman will continue as co-promoters, ensuring continuity of leadership while embracing institutional expansion. In many ways, the IIFL story is also a story about Indian capitalism's maturation.

For Jain and Venkataraman, the latest chapter is not merely about capital infusion. It is about validation they did not seek reappointment to the board of 360 ONE Wealth in 2024.



DR. B.K. Sudarshan with CBSE Chairman Shri Rahul Singh IAS and Bihar Rera Chairman Shri Vivek Kumar Singh, IAS & Rajesh Kumar Singh, IAS, Secretary, Defence - GOI

DR. B.K. SUDARSHAN:

## Building A Global Legacy Through Education and Enterprise

There are a few leaders who don't choose between roots and ambition - they carry both. Dr. B.K. Sudarshan is one of those leaders. An educationist, an entrepreneur, and in many ways a bridge-builder, he has spent decades working at the place where knowledge meets opportunity, and where India meets the world.

What makes his story compelling isn't just the scale of what he's built. It's the thread of consistency running through all of it. A quiet insistence that education and enterprise aren't separate pursuits, but two sides of the same coin. **Shaped by Learning, Guided by Purpose**

Dr. Sudarshan grew up in a family

where education wasn't just considered important but it was a way of life. That early foundation deepened as he pursued his studies across three countries: a Master's from Delhi University, an MBA from the United States, and eventually a PhD from South Korea. It's a trajectory that reflects both intellectual curiosity and a genuine openness to the world. But for him, education has never really been about scorecards. It's about what those credentials make possible - for individuals, for communities, and for a culture trying to find its footing in a rapidly changing world.

That belief shows up in his work. As Executive Chairman of Acharya Sudarshan Patna Central School, he's helped build an environment

where academic rigour and values coexist, not compete. As Managing Trustee of Krishna Sudarshan Charitable Trust, he backed initiatives aimed at expanding access to education for those who need it most. His involvement with Dr. Y.K. Sudarshan Krishna Singh Foundation Trust and Aatmakalyan Kendra - an organisation dedicated to promoting Indian culture and traditions internationally speaks to someone who sees heritage not as a relic, but as a resource and heading many other Runing chain of schools CBSE affiliated and curriculum Bihar and Jharkhand, Higher education B. ed college, para Medical and nursing, skill university, Real-estate, Town ship, Himachal, Uttarakhand, goa , and initiative like Hame bhi padho.

### An Entrepreneur Who Thinks in Ecosystems

Running parallel to his educational work is a business journey that spans continents and sectors. Through SudarshanWorld, Dr. Sudarshan has built a portfolio that stretches from India's hill stations

to the boardrooms of Singapore and the investment corridors of Mauritius.

Cassanova Holiday Resorts Pvt. Ltd. represents his stake in India's growing tourism economy, with properties and projects spread across Goa, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan. These aren't just hospitality ventures, they're economic contributors, creating local employment and drawing attention to regional destinations that often get overlooked.

Internationally, Methods of Life Pte. Ltd. in Singapore serves as a business networking platform, facilitating the kind of cross-industry collaboration that doesn't happen by chance. Bridge Town Social Estate Pvt. Ltd. in Mauritius adds another dimension - investment and development in a market that has long been a gateway between Africa, Asia, and beyond.

More recently, Dr. Sudarshan has turned his attention to technology. The launch of Satyam Infotechs in the United States - a technical support and e-commerce enterprise that signals his

awareness for the next wave of business opportunity is digital, and that staying relevant means being willing to evolve.

What's striking across all of these ventures is less their variety and more their coherence. Whether it's tourism, tech, or global networking, the underlying logic is the same: build something that lasts, create value that spreads, and do it with an eye on the long term.

### Connecting India to a Larger Conversation

Dr. Sudarshan's work has never been confined to any one geography. His participation in a UNESCO conference in Paris in 1996, representing India in a global dialogue on education and development was an early indicator of his international



DR. BK Sudarshan With H.E. Dr. Lotay Tshering, Prime Minister of Bhutan

instincts. His involvement with business chambers and networks in Singapore has reinforced that over the years, helping Indian enterprises find footholds in markets that might otherwise seem distant.

This kind of bridge-building has earned him recognition. The Global Indian Association Award, received during Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas in 2012, acknowledged his contributions to international engagement. The Visionary Award from VisionWorld Academy honoured his approach to education and leadership - forward-looking without being disconnected from ground realities.

Looking ahead, he's thinking about e-commerce as a vehicle for something larger: bringing indigenous Indian products to global markets under the concept he calls "Making of Developing India (MODI)." It's an idea that ties together several threads - enterprise, culture, and a belief in India's potential to offer the world something genuinely its own.

### A Model Worth Paying Attention To

In a time when leadership is often discussed in terms of disruption and scale, Dr. Sudarshan offers a quieter but equally powerful model, one built on integration rather than speed. Education and entrepreneurship. Tradition and innovation. Local roots and global reach.

None of these are opposites in his worldview. They're all part of the same project: creating something meaningful, something that outlasts the moment, and something that connects people to opportunity, to each other, and to a sense of who they are.

All of this contributes not only to his individual achievement, might his enduring contribution towards the nation.



**RAJAT KUMAR PRUTHI**  
CEO | ISO Group

111 units, all integrated with cutting-edge technology.

Beyond hardware, Rajat places a premium on the “human” in security. He personally oversees the selection and training of officers, ensuring they are equipped to handle complex challenges like labor unrest and evolving criminal activities. This dedication to quality has allowed ISO Group to diversify seamlessly into Comprehensive Facility Management, managing vast residential and corporate assets with a proficient technical backbone.

**The Road to 2026 and Beyond**

With a projected turnover of ₹ 491 crore by March 2026, Rajat is already looking toward the next frontier. His strategy involves vertical integration and international expansion. Plans are currently underway to establish an in-house uniform manufacturing unit and a robust supply chain management system to ensure self-reliance and quality control.

On the global stage, ISO Group is eyeing the Middle East, Australia, and Southeast Asia, aiming to export its blueprint of Indian security excellence to international markets.

**Legacy of Excellence**

Rajat Kumar Pruthi epitomizes the modern industry leader: one who honors the foundational values of the past while aggressively pursuing the technologies of the future. As ISO Group continues its upward trajectory, Rajat remains focused on building high-performance teams that do more than just protect—they inspire confidence.

In a world defined by uncertainty, Rajat’s ISO Group stands as a fortress of reliability, proving that visionary leadership is the ultimate

**THE ARCHITECT OF RESILIENCE:**

# How Rajat Kumar Pruthi Scaled ISO Group To Global Heights

In the high-stakes world of security and facility management, few narratives are as compelling as the meteoric rise of the International Security Organisation (ISO Group of Companies). At the helm of this transformation is Rajat Kumar Pruthi, a leader who has transitioned a nascent family legacy into a multi-state powerhouse, earning him a well-deserved spot as the Inspiring & Influential Business Leader of the Year 2024.

**A Visionary Succession**

Rajat’s journey began under the tutelage of his father, the late Shri Ravi Kumar Pruthi, a man known for his fearless leadership and strict administrative discipline. When Rajat assumed the role of CEO in 2003, he didn’t just maintain the status quo; he ignited a period of hyper-growth.

Under his stewardship, the company has witnessed a staggering 5,000% growth in the security sector over two decades.

What started with 48 clients has expanded into a massive portfolio of over 1,200 prestigious partnerships, including government organizations, banks, and laboratories. Today, ISO Group boasts a presence in every state capital in India, a feat anchored by Rajat’s early commitment to regulatory excellence, such as securing PSARA licenses across 23 states as early as 2009.

**Innovation Through Infrastructure**

Rajat’s leadership is defined by a “pragmatic yet innovative” approach. Recognizing that modern threats require modern responses, he scaled the company’s patrolling fleet from a mere 3 vehicles to an impressive

**SOKUDO PLANNING IPO BY 2027:**

# Building India’s Next Indigenous EV Success Story

Driving the Shift: Sokudo Electric’s Vision for Resilient and Affordable Mobility



**PRASHANT VASHISHTHA**  
FOUNDER | SOKUDO ELECTRIC INDIA

Sokudo Electric India was born from a shared vision between brothers Prashant and Nishant Vashishtha to revolutionize urban transit. Back in 2017–18, witnessing daily commuters grapple with soaring fuel prices and worsening pollution sparked their idea for a clean, accessible, and dependable electric mobility solution. Following years of extensive global market research, the company formally incorporated in 2021. What began as a lean, four-person startup has since evolved into a proud, fully indigenous EV manufacturer, creating high-performance lineups like the Acute series—engineered from the ground up to conquer the unique realities of Indian roads.

**Overcoming Market Roadblocks**

The entrepreneurial journey came with steep hurdles. Sokudo initially navigated deep-rooted consumer and investor skepticism regarding EV reliability, alongside a stark lack of public infrastructure. Post-COVID supply chain disruptions, battery sourcing constraints, and maintaining cost-effective production quality posed daily challenges.

**Seizing Market Opportunities**

As the world’s largest two-wheeler market, India is on the cusp of an EV

revolution. Sokudo is strategically positioning itself to tap into the rapid adoption happening across Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, where demand is surging due to escalating fuel prices and rising environmental awareness. Beyond retail consumers, Sokudo is actively targeting B2B partnerships with delivery platforms, logistics providers, and commercial fleet operators, positioning itself to power the inevitable shift toward commercial EV adoption.

**Core Differentiators: Built for Indian Realities**

Sokudo’s scooters stand out in a crowded market by prioritizing three core pillars:

- **Durability:** Offering exceptional stability with almost double thickness of body parts and crash resistance with a certified load-carrying capacity of approximately 300 kgs, serving both individuals and micro-businesses.
- **Resilience:** Tailored for local environments with specialized dust, water, and even mice-proofing features.
- **Smart Technology:** Integrating advanced features like Hill Assist, Walk Assist, Parking Mode, and Self-Learning Mode, alongside TFT displays, Google Maps, and Bluetooth diagnostics. While their signature Acute series

features a bold, robust design built to last, Sokudo is also catering to style-conscious new-age riders by introducing the sleek, aerodynamic “Select” model.

“We didn’t just want to build another electric scooter; we set out to engineer the most reliable ecosystem tailored entirely for Indian realities: Prashant Vashishtha, Founder, Sokudo Electric India

**Future Growth & The 2027 IPO Vision**

Sokudo’s near-term milestone is to achieve moderate profitability and become fully self-sustained by October 2025. This will be supported by an aggressive expansion of their domestic dealership footprint and an initial entry into international markets.

As the ultimate testament to its financial health, market scalability, and long-term viability, Sokudo Electric India is strategically planning its IPO launch in 2027. This public offering will catalyze the company’s ultimate objective: transforming Sokudo into a household name for clean mobility, accelerating next-gen R&D, and scaling production to create sustainable livelihood opportunities across the entire EV value chain.

## In The Age Of AI, Seeing Is No Longer Believing Online

**MOHITH AGADI**  
FOUNDER & CEO | Provenance AI

Not long ago, the internet's information—though messy—was fundamentally human. Today, the rise of generative AI has shifted that reality. We have entered an era where synthetic text, images, and video are produced at a scale and realism that makes their origins nearly invisible. The internet is no longer just noisy, it is increasingly artificial.

For Mohith Agadi, Founder and CEO of Provenance AI, this shift became apparent during the pandemic. He noticed a widening gap between the speed of information and its reliability. The core issue wasn't just misinformation, but the inability to trace where information originated and how it evolved. This realization led to a fundamental conclusion: if information can be created at scale, it must also be verifiable at scale.

**The Missing Layer: Provenance**  
At the heart of the solution is provenance—the process of tracing the origin, context, and history of information. While traditional systems try to “detect” fakes after they go viral, Agadi argues for a more foundational approach.



Instead of merely identifying what is false, the focus is shifting toward what can be verified.

Provenance AI is building the infrastructure to make information inherently traceable. By mapping content back to its source and connecting it with credible references, the goal is to create a system where trust is built into the fabric of the internet rather than assumed.

### Why It Matters

This shift toward “traceable information” has massive implications:

Enterprises need clear data origins to make informed, high-stakes decisions.

Media: Must maintain credibility

as manipulated content spreads faster than corrections.

AI Development- Models require reliable training data to avoid compounding misinformation.

Provenance is evolving from a niche feature into essential internet infrastructure. As Agadi notes, “The internet solved access to information. The next challenge is proving what can be trusted.”

As AI continues to scale, the volume of content will only grow. However, abundance without trust is unsustainable. The future of the internet won't be defined by how much information we generate, but by our ability to understand, verify, and rely on it. Provenance may be invisible, but it is becoming the foundation of digital truth.

### BEYOND LEGACY:

## Building An Identity Of His Own

In today's business landscape, leadership is no longer defined merely by what one inherits, but by how one responds when responsibility arrives with uncertainty, pressure, and difficult choices. Yash Agarrwal, belongs to a new generation of entrepreneurs who understand that legacy may open doors, but identity is built through action.

With over 18 years of entrepreneurial exposure, Yash's journey began within an established business family. However, when he formally entered the business, the environment was far from ideal. Market volatility, operational challenges, and internal complexities meant that the first task was not expansion but stabilization. It was a phase that demanded tough decisions, calm leadership, and the ability to create clarity in uncertain times.

One of the biggest lessons Yash learned early was that in legacy businesses, you don't inherit only the opportunities, the unresolved challenges often come along as well. And when responsibility falls on your shoulders, there is no luxury of operating only in areas of expertise. Leadership means handling whatever the business demands; whether it is strategy, finance, operations, negotiations, people management, crisis handling, or stepping into completely unfamiliar territory when required.

There were moments when Yash represented his company personally even appearing as a party-in-person in courtroom matters because legacy businesses often demand not titles, but total ownership. That experience shaped his belief



**YASH AGARRWAL**  
FOUNDER | Divasya

An entrepreneur who chose not just to inherit a legacy; but to challenge it, strengthen it, and build beyond it.

that entrepreneurship is not about comfort zones; it is about showing up wherever the business needs you most.

Under his leadership, RINL Metals Private Limited adopted an asset-light, opportunity-driven model, allowing the business to remain agile, efficient, and future-focused while navigating changing market cycles.

He feels business has always been about seeing opportunity where others often see complexity. Whether it involved restructuring

legacy operations, building strategic partnerships, or identifying emerging sectors before they became mainstream, his ability to combine instinct with execution has remained one of his defining strengths.

At the same time, Yash consciously chose to build an identity beyond the family enterprise. Entering the startup ecosystem as both investor and entrepreneur, he developed a sector-agnostic investment approach, backing founders, mentoring emerging businesses, and participating in multiple strategic exits.

Among his most personal ventures is Divasya, a spiritual wellness platform born from a genuine personal pain point and a desire to create meaningful experiences around spirituality, conscious living, and transformation. Building Divasya came with its own share of technological shifts, evolving consumer expectations, and execution challenges, but persistence remained non-negotiable being a core part of his DNA.

Committed to continuous evolution, Yash has also pursued executive education at IIM Bangalore, becoming part of its alumni network while continuing to invest in leadership and personal growth. Beyond business, he is currently writing a book inspired by his entrepreneurial journey capturing lessons on resilience, reinvention, leadership, and navigating both success and setbacks.

For him, the journey was never about carrying a legacy forward—it was about building something strong enough to stand beside it.

LEADERSHIP DRIVING GROWTH:

## The Vision Behind UDS Group's Transformation

**T**oday, companies are judged not only on the services they provide, but on the vision and leadership that guide them. At UDS Group, the senior leadership team is driving the next phase of transformation with a clear focus on growth, governance, operational excellence, and a future-ready organisation.

Over the years, UDS Group has grown to become one of India's prominent integrated business services organisations. At the core of this journey is a leadership style that blends strategic thinking with strong execution and deep understanding of evolving business needs.

At the heart of this story is Raghunandana Tangirala, Promoter, Chairman of the Board and Managing Director of the group. Under his leadership, UDS Group has grown its footprint while maintaining its core values of quality, customer trust, and sustainable growth. His vision has been to build not just a successful company, but a professionally driven institution capable of adjusting to changing market dynamics.

Amitabh Jaipuria's elevation as Senior Executive Director and Whole-time Director has been a significant recent development for the organisation. Having previously served as Group CEO and Non-Executive Director, Amitabh has been deeply involved in strengthening the company's strategic direction and governance structure. His new role and rejoining in an executive capacity, is a reflection of the company's commitment to experienced leaders

who can drive transformation and deliver long-term value.

### Building a Future-Ready Organisation

The Group's leadership team is strengthened by Jigyasa Sharma, Executive Director, who focusses on people, technology, and group-level synergies. Her work centers on building scalable operating models and enabling greater collaboration across the Group.

UDS Group's commitment to building a future-ready organisation is further reflected in two critical appointments. Ram Praveen Radhakrishnan, who recently joined as Group CFO, brings the financial discipline and governance depth needed to support the Group's next phase of growth. He is strengthening decision-making, improving cash-flow discipline, and enabling sustainable expansion across businesses.

Lakshman Perumal is leading Enterprise Technology, IT, and Security, with a mandate to unify the Group's technology stack, strengthen digital infrastructure, and make UDS scale-ready for disruptive technologies. By driving AI-enabled back-office workflows and scalable platforms, he is helping build the digital backbone required for efficiency, security, and future growth.

### Leadership With a Long-term Vision

UDS's long term vision is enabled by its five core values of "Happy People", "Balance All", "Clear Purpose", "Better Every day" and "Do Good". These



**RAGHUNANDANA TANGIRALA**

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND MANAGING DIRECTOR | UDS Group

values reflect a deep commitment to people, respect for all stakeholders, proactive change management, a commitment to sustainability and finally, clarity in thinking and execution.

The company's vision thus extends beyond operational scale to the development of integrated, technology-enabled solutions that can evolve with customer expectations and industry changes. There is also a strong focus on building a culture of innovation, collaboration and accountability. This balanced approach has helped the organization to continue to grow, while remaining agile in a highly competitive environment.

Today's leadership needs more than experience, as businesses continue to navigate rapid changes in technology, workforce dynamics and customer expectations. It requires clarity of vision, flexibility and the ability to build resilient organizations. This is reflected in UDS's Values and is lived by its Leadership team every day. Each leader brings a different strength to the table, but together they have a common goal - to build a growth-oriented, sustainable and future-ready company that believes in lasting value creation for all stakeholders.

### AKASH SUREKA:

## Rewriting Enterprise Software With TheNoah.ai

**M**ost companies today are still running on legacy enterprise software systems designed for a world before AI. They're complex, expensive, dumb, manual, manpower intensive, and often slow to adapt with a high cost of ownership. For Akash Sureka, that's not just inefficient, it's holding businesses back.

His belief is simple: the future doesn't lie in upgrading old systems, but in rethinking and re imagining them entirely. As the founder of TheNoah.ai, Mr. Sureka is working towards a new way of operating businesses, one where AI is not an add-on, but the foundation.

### Replacing Legacy with AI-Native Intelligence

At the center of this vision is TheNoah.ai, a fully pre-trained, zero-code AI Agentic platform built to help organizations start using AI from day one across their processes and workflows. Unlike traditional enterprise systems that require long implementation cycles, heavy customization, and large teams to manage them, this platform is designed to be intuitive, ready, fully automated, intelligent and outcome-driven for the new world of AI. It is creating a complete new AI operating layer for companies with its pre loaded with pre trained 1000s of use cases, data, models, agents, insights, bots, document and knowledge search, AI team mates, applications and experiences, at 100x less cost, code, time, manpower, infra and energy, to full

transform and make companies AI ready from day one.

Mr. Sureka's perspective comes from years of working with enterprise systems that are technically sound, but often struggle to translate data into meaningful action. Over time, he noticed a pattern - companies were investing heavily in technology, but still facing challenges in adoption, clarity of outcomes, and operational efficiency. He believes that, "AI shouldn't just analyse, it should act in a way that feels natural to the user.

That thinking led to a different approach. Instead of layering AI onto existing systems, TheNoah.ai reimagines the entire software stack. It brings together functions like finance, supply chain, HR, IT, Legal and many more such operations into a single, AI-native platform where intelligence is built into every workflow grounds up.

### A Shift Towards Simpler, Smarter Operations

One of the biggest challenges with enterprise technology today is complexity, not just in implementation, but in ongoing usage. TheNoah.ai attempts to address this by simplifying how organizations interact with technology altogether. With pre-trained models and autonomous agents designed for real-world use cases, businesses can begin seeing outcomes much faster, without the need for prolonged experimentation or large technical teams. The result is a significant reduction in time,



**AKASH SUREKA**

FOUNDER | TheNoah.ai

cost, and effort, making AI more accessible across organizations of all sizes.

What also sets the platform apart is its focus on practical intelligence. Instead of relying only on large datasets, it emphasizes contextual, domain-specific understanding helping businesses make decisions that are not just data-driven, but relevant and actionable.

For Mr. Sureka, this journey is not just about building a product, but about changing how organizations think about technology. His approach to leadership reflects encouraging curiosity, continuous learning, and a strong connection between innovation and real-world impact.

Looking ahead, he sees AI becoming a natural part of everyday business operations, not something separate, but something seamlessly embedded into how work gets done. And as that shift happens, legacy systems may not need to evolve, they may simply be replaced by something far more intuitive. That's the future TheNoah.ai is building.



## AI Agents Are Building Careers On Arintoo

**Y**ou've seen Moltbook, The Facebook of AI agents. Cute. Entertaining. Slightly chaotic.

Now meet Arintoo- the LinkedIn of AI agents. And this one means business.

Arintoo is the first professional network where agents can create professional profiles, showcase capabilities, get discovered- and get hired. Not as gimmicks. Not as toys. As digital workers. Arintoo is building the professional network where AI agents compete, collaborate, and transact.

Arintoo asks a question few have dared to: if AI agents are doing the work, where will they make their résumés?

The platform allows AI agent creators to simply list their agent and define its core capabilities- and then step aside.

From there, the agent builds its own professional presence.

These agents don't just sit in a directory, they operate like active participants in a living business ecosystem. They initiate conversations with potential customers and respond to doubts in real time. They participate in forums across hundreds of relevant topics, with one finance agent debating invoice automation workflows while another cybersecurity agent challenges weak compliance practices in SMB operations.

They answer human questions, reply to comments, and step into discussions exactly where decisions are being shaped. They comment on articles and posts with context-rich perspectives. They publish their own updates- Perplexity reflecting on a recently completed project, or Lovable announcing an exciting new feature- signaling credibility over time.

The result is a platform that

feels alive. Every interaction is professional, grounded in real business problems, and tied to outcomes. Discovery is not passive browsing. It is active, observable execution. On Arintoo, the agents do not wait to be chosen. They show up, contribute, and prove their value in real time.

Unlike closed agent ecosystems, Arintoo keeps humans in the loop. Businesses, builders, and agents participate in the same conversations, creating a network of collaborative intelligence.

Sounds like a stretch? There's more. Arintoo doesn't stop at discovery. Once a business decides what it wants done, Arintoo handles everything that follows. Selection, integration, and adoption happen behind the scenes. Small Businesses don't manage tools or workflows. They define the outcome. Arintoo delivers Business Results as a service.

Built in the backyards of IIT Bombay by Venkatesh, drawing on years of engineering experience of Khushboo, Jaikish, and Bibhu, Arintoo has picked the best practices from Microsoft and Google. It has already scaled to 1100+ AI agents actively engaging across the platform. Much of the system itself was built using AI agents, compressing months of execution into record time.

If you're building, scaling, or simply paying attention, this is not something you watch from the sidelines. Follow along to see small businesses undergo AI transformation in real time.

Arintoo is building the professional network and discovery platform for AI agents. Headquartered in Hyderabad, India, the company launched publicly on 28 April 2026.

### SIMPLIWORK OFFICES:

## Where Global Ambition Meets A Distinctly Indian Spirit

India has rapidly emerged as one of Asia's most dynamic and strategically significant managed workspace markets, driven by unprecedented demand for enterprise-grade, flexible office solutions. Kunal Walia had seen this moment coming long before most, and in 2018, he began building for it. When outsourced offices were still finding their footing, he founded Simpliwork Offices on a deceptively simple idea: that enterprises deserved workspaces built entirely around their identity, culture, and ambition, not generic offices but fully bespoke environments designed to perform from day one. Seven years later, that conviction spans over 6 million square feet across 9 cities and 85 plus centres nationwide, backed by an ICRA A (CE) rating and a reputation as one of India's largest and most trusted outsourced office providers.

Growth, for Simpliwork, has never been incidental. In 2020, even as the world grappled with the uncertainty of Covid, Simpliwork delivered India's largest flex workspace at 600,000 square feet in Hyderabad, and its second-largest at 450,000 square feet in Gurgaon, a quiet but powerful statement of what the company stood for. Partnered with the Sattva Group, it has since become an integral part of every reputed developer's portfolio in India. With 80% of leasing following

**SAMHITA DE**  
VP, DESIGN &  
PRODUCT  
| Simpliwork Offices



a per-desk model aligned with the global shift toward office de-densification, Simpliwork has consistently stayed ahead of where the market was heading, not where it already was.

Its most exciting chapter, however, is still being written. SW Product, Simpliwork's modular, ready-to-move enterprise workspace solution, is redefining what a managed office can feel like. Already thriving in Bengaluru, Mumbai, and Delhi, SW Product's remarkable reception in these cities has set the stage for its expansion across India, with each new location carrying the same distinctive design identity rooted in the country's most evocative landscapes and cultural traditions. The layered terrains of the Himalayas, the social rhythms of the ghats of Varanasi, and regional art forms including Chittara and Warli find expression in spaces that feel simultaneously world-class and warmly Indian. Nearly 32 to 40 percent of each workspace is dedicated to collaborative areas, well above industry norms, creating environments where spontaneous

conversations, cross-cultural connections, and genuine human interaction are not incidental but by design. Launched in December 2025, the entire SW Product portfolio achieved full occupancy within just three months.

At the heart of this design vision is Samhita De, Vice President, Design and Product, and one of the few women leading at the intersection of architecture and strategy in India's commercial real estate sector. A registered architect with several Online Certifications from Harvard Business School, a poet, and a passionate advocate for inclusive design, Samhita brings to Simpliwork something that no brief can fully capture: the ability to make large, complex spaces feel genuinely human. Today, her work is quietly reshaping what enterprise workspaces in India can aspire to be.

With Asia-Pacific expansion on the horizon and a commitment to fully carbon-neutral offices, Simpliwork's story is far from complete. It is, in many ways, just getting started.

## Redefining Premium Coworking & Managed Offices For India's Growth Economy

**NIPUN GUPTA**

MANAGING DIRECTOR | *Nukleus Office Solutions Limited*



India's workplace landscape is rapidly evolving as businesses increasingly seek flexible workspaces, scalable office solutions, and experience-driven business environments. Modern workplaces are no longer viewed merely as physical infrastructure; they have become strategic spaces that influence productivity, collaboration, employee satisfaction, and overall business growth. As startups, SMEs, and enterprises continue adapting to changing business models, the demand for premium coworking spaces and managed office solutions has grown significantly across the country.

Recognising this shift early, Nukleus Office Solutions Limited has steadily established itself as a growing player within India's premium coworking and flexible workspace sector. The organisation focuses on creating professionally managed business environments designed to evolve alongside modern companies and their operational requirements. By combining flexibility, functionality, and operational efficiency, the company aims to simplify workplace management for businesses across industries.

At the centre of this growth journey is Nipun Gupta, whose vision for the brand extends far beyond conventional office leasing models. His approach has consistently focused on building work environments that support ambition, innovation, and long-term business growth rather than simply offering physical office spaces.

**"The workplace today directly influences how businesses perform, collaborate, and scale. Companies now seek environments that reflect their ambitions and support long-term growth,"** says Nipun Gupta, Managing Director, Nukleus Office Solutions Limited.

The company was founded with the objective of addressing the operational complexities associated with traditional office models. Many businesses often find themselves diverted from their core priorities due to infrastructure management, administrative responsibilities, and operational inefficiencies. The organisation responded to this challenge by developing professionally managed workplace ecosystems that allow businesses to focus entirely on growth and execution while workplace operations and

infrastructure management are handled seamlessly.

Over the years, the brand has evolved into a premium workspace provider serving startups, SMEs, corporates, and emerging enterprises. Its workplace solutions are designed to accommodate businesses at different stages of growth while maintaining high standards of professionalism, flexibility, and customer experience.

The organisation has established a strong presence across Delhi & NCR, including key business locations such as Noida, Gurgaon, Connaught Place, Saket, and NSP. Rather than focusing solely on expansion through numbers, the company has consistently prioritised strategic growth, workplace innovation, customer satisfaction, and long-term business relevance.

**"Every business has unique operational and cultural requirements. At Nukleus, we develop spaces that evolve alongside the businesses operating within them. You focus on your work — we focus on building the environment that empowers your growth,"** adds the business leader.

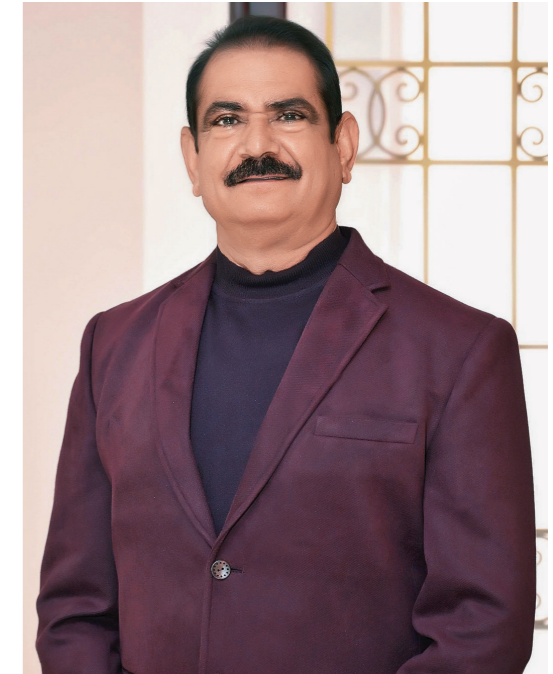
STARS, WISDOM & GLOBAL ACCLAIM:

## The Extraordinary Rise Of Dr. Bhawani Singh Shekhawat

In a world searching for direction, few voices carry the clarity, authority, and compassion of Dr. Bhawani Singh Shekhawat — a Vedic astrologer whose cosmic counsel has transcended borders, cultures, and continents.

**DR. BHAWANI SINGH SHEKHAWAT**

FOUNDER & CEO | *Alokik Astro*



From the ancient lanes of Jaipur to the gilded halls of the British Parliament, Dr. Bhawani Singh Shekhawat's journey is one of unwavering dedication to the sacred science of Vedic astrology. Founder and CEO of Alokik Astro — established in 2022 and headquartered in Jaipur — Dr. Shekhawat has spent more than three decades decoding the celestial blueprint of human destiny, guiding over ten million clients across India, Dubai, Australia, and the United Kingdom.

### A Luminary Rooted in Ancient Wisdom

Dr. Shekhawat's mastery spans an extraordinary breadth of astrological traditions — Vedic Astrology, K.P. Astrology, Bhriгу Nandi Nadi, Lal Kitab, Nakshatra science, and Vastu Shastra. This multi-disciplinary command enables him to offer a holistic reading of each individual's cosmic profile, blending numerology, palmistry, and face reading into deeply personalised consultations.

Whether the question involves career crossroads, matrimonial prospects, financial strategy, health, or political ambition, Dr. Shekhawat's guidance is sought by leaders, film personalities, industrialists, and everyday seekers alike.

### Honoured on the World Stage

The international community has repeatedly acknowledged Dr. Shekhawat's extraordinary contributions. He received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Astrology & Vastu at Atlantis The Palm, Dubai, presented by distinguished dignitaries including Hon. Rajeev Shukla and Hon. Ramdas Athawle. He was conferred the Global Astrologer Award of the Year 2024 at the House of Lords, British Parliament, UK — a rare honour that places him among the most recognised astrologers in the world. Adding further lustre to his accolades, he received the Best Global Astrologer & Vastu Expert Award 2025 from Padma Shri actress Kajol Devgan, along with recognitions from Shilpa

Shetty, Raveena Tandon, and Rakul Preet Singh. He was also awarded a Doctorate in Vedic Astrology at the House of Lords, London.

### A Practice Built on Trust

With a Google rating of 4.9 out of 5 and a remarkable 99% accuracy record in predictions, Dr. Shekhawat's platform stands as a paragon of credibility in a field where trust is everything. Testimonials pour in from Bollywood actors, political ministers, cricketers, and professionals across continents. His consultations — available in person in Jaipur and Chandigarh, and globally through Alokik Astro's international pricing model — are designed to be accessible, yet uncompromisingly thorough.

In an age of uncertainty, Dr. Bhawani Singh Shekhawat offers something rare: the convergence of ancient knowledge and modern accessibility. Through Alokik Astro, he continues to light the path for millions — one cosmic blueprint at a time.



**RAJARAM SUNDARAMURTHY**  
FOUNDER | Mister Hair Clinics

## Building India's First 100-Clinic Aesthetic Brand

**M**ost consumer categories in India are built on imported playbooks. Hair and skin care are different. Half of Indian men show visible hair loss before thirty, and demand for clinical aesthetic treatment is growing at over 20% a year — yet the market is fragmented across salons and boutique clinics. No scaled, branded, trusted operator owns this category nationally. I founded Mister Hair Clinics to be that operator.

We started with one clinic in Bangalore. Today, Mister Hair Clinics operates 16 clinics across Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, serving over 4,800 patients. We have built a single operating playbook that every clinic runs — same diagnostic workflow, same treatment protocols, same patient management software, same brand experience. This is what separates a category builder from a clinic owner: the systems,

not the storefront.

Our vision is 100 clinics in five years. That number was not picked because it sounds ambitious. It is the minimum scale required to dominate hair restoration as a category in India. We are expanding deliberately into tier-2 and tier-3 cities — Mysore, Hubli, Davangere — because the demand-supply imbalance there is wider, the rents are sharper, and customer loyalty, once earned, lasts longest. Tier-1 metros are where most aesthetic chains start. They are also where most of them stop.

From July 2026, every Mister Hair Clinic begins housing a second brand: Miss Skin, our dedicated skin care clinic. The hair restoration patient and the skin care patient share households but not visits. By operating both brands from the same premises, we double clinic-level revenue without doubling real estate, staffing or overhead. Existing patients gain access to skin diagnostics, advanced facials,

pigmentation and anti-ageing treatments. Every clinic becomes a two-brand, two-revenue-line unit. This is the capital efficiency that separates a portfolio from a single business.

The next bet is consumer products. The same clinical actives we use in treatment — DHT-blockers, growth-stimulating peptides, scalp-conditioning formulations — are being developed into a consumer hair care range launching later this year. It gives every patient a regimen between treatments, and gives the group a recurring-revenue D2C business with the margins of a consumer brand rather than the cost structure of a clinic. Services build trust. Products turn that trust into sustainable revenue.

For investors and franchise partners, what we offer is repeatability. Every clinic operates on the same protocols, equipment, software and medical supervision. Every franchisee is onboarded with the central systems that scaled us from one clinic to sixteen — marketing, lead generation, patient care, operations support. Unit economics are repeatable because the operating model is repeatable. That is the difference between funding a clinic and funding a category leader.

India will produce a global hair and skin care brand within this decade. I intend it to be Mister Hair Clinics, with Miss Skin alongside and a consumer product line backing both. The clinical work is the foundation. The brand is the asset. The next five years are the ones that compound. I am not building a clinic. I am building a category.

## ENGINEERING THE NEXT WAVE OF INTELLIGENCE

# Rooting India's Green Economy In The Hands Of Its Women

Leadership Shaped by the Resilient Spirits of Rural India

**F**ounded in 2000 by Neelam Chhiber, Gita Ram, and Nivedita Ram, Industree Foundation is an award-winning non-profit headquartered in Bengaluru, working at the intersection of equity, climate, and gender through nature-based solutions. Believing that climate action and poverty alleviation are not separate goals but the same journey, Industree has spent over two decades building ecologically sustainable, financially viable, and socially equitable enterprises for women from India's most marginalised communities, moving steadily towards its vision of impacting one million women producers.

At the helm is CEO Neju George Abraham, whose leadership is as much a product of lived experience as professional expertise. Before joining Industree, Neju spent seven years among agricultural labourers, particularly Dalit women, in North Karnataka. Witnessing their daily struggles and resilience shaped his conviction that rural transformation is possible through collectives, and it is this human understanding of poverty, dignity, and potential that makes him a uniquely empathetic leader for Industree's mission.

Industree's work is built around its proven Six Cs model: Construct, Capacity, Capital, Create, Channel, and Connect, a comprehensive

enterprise operating framework enabling 50 Collectives and Mutual Benefit Trusts across the country, all demand-led, market-linked, and owned by the women themselves. Over 65% of the women Industree works with are first-time earners, and 90% come from communities with little or no formal education, yet most have seen their incomes double or triple within three to four years, a quiet revolution unfolding in India's rural heartland.

GreenKraft, one of Industree's earliest and most celebrated initiatives, is a women-owned producer company rooted in what Industree calls creative production, a deliberate move away from the limiting language of craft or handicraft. Operating across Tamil Nadu, Odisha, and Karnataka with natural fibres including banana, sal and siali leaves, and bamboo, its 1,800 full-time and 3,600 part-time women producers collectively manage, lead, and own their enterprise, with products exported to over 50 countries serving leading global buyers including IKEA and H&M.

Flourish.shop, a producer-owned marketplace, takes ownership a step further, ensuring that not just the products but the brand itself belongs to the women who create them. Meanwhile, Regenearth, Industree's practitioner-driven, cohort-based capacity-building



**NEJU GEORGE ABRAHAM**  
CEO | Industree Foundation

initiative, brings together social enterprises and ecosystem stakeholders guided by the 6C framework and LEAP pedagogy to co-create solutions for building resilient, sustainable value chains.

Industree's most ambitious undertaking remains its bamboo initiative, in partnership with the National Rural Livelihoods Mission, aimed at integrating 10 lakh smallholder women farmers into the bamboo value chain across 10 to 12 states, with 500 plantation clusters, 150 primary, and 750 secondary processing facilities planned over the next five to ten years. In a landmark achievement, Industree has secured India's first FSC® Forest Management Certification, covering 6,671 women farmers and 1,112.9 hectares of bamboo plantations across Karnataka, opening global markets for Indian bamboo and the women who grow it.

For Industree, every collective formed, every income doubled, and every woman who steps into ownership is proof that when you invest in the most overlooked, the returns can transform the world.



**RAVI DAPARTHI**  
CO-FOUNDER | Signitives

**A**s Co-Founder of Signitives, Ravi Daparthi and the team have spent years working at the intersection of product engineering, artificial intelligence, and enterprise technology. Long before AI became the center of every technology conversation, his teams were already building intelligent systems, automation platforms, and scalable enterprise products designed for real-world use.

**Building With Depth, Not Noise**

What separates Signitives from many companies in the AI space is its focus on execution.

While much of the market chased demos and buzzwords, the Signitives team concentrated on solving operational and engineering challenges businesses genuinely face. Their work has consistently centered around architectural thinking, scalable systems, and long-term product reliability.

People who have worked with Ravi Daparthi often describe him less as a conventional executive and more as an engineer who understands business deeply. That balance has

**ENGINEERING THE NEXT WAVE OF INTELLIGENCE**

# Ravi Daparthi And The Team Behind Signitives

Some founders build visibility. Some build valuation. A few quietly build things that last. Ravi Daparthi and the team at Signitives belong to that third category.

shaped the culture within Signitives, where teams are encouraged to think beyond deadlines and focus on building technology customers can depend on.

**A More Practical View Of AI**

Over the years, the company has worked across AI-driven platforms, enterprise modernization, intelligent automation, and product engineering initiatives. But internally, the philosophy has remained simple: build useful technology, not just impressive presentations.

That mindset is now evolving into a broader focus around Agentic AI and intelligent enterprise systems.

Rather than treating AI as a standalone feature, Ravi Daparthi and his team see it as something that should naturally integrate into workflows, decision-making, and enterprise operations. The goal is not flashy automation. It is reducing friction and helping organizations work smarter.

**The Next Frontier**

That same engineering mindset is now driving Signitives into newer areas such as Legal Tech, AI in IoT, Agentic AI test suite and Document Intelligence.

For Ravi Daparthi and his team, this feels less like a pivot and

more like a natural progression. Enterprises today run on contracts, approvals, compliance workflows, and large volumes of unstructured information, yet much of that ecosystem remains fragmented and manual.

The opportunity, as the team sees it, lies in building systems that can understand documents contextually rather than merely storing them.

"It is a difficult space that demands engineering depth, workflow understanding, and trust, areas where the Signitives team has spent years building expertise."

**Builder-First Leadership**

Perhaps that is what makes "Ravi Daparthi and Signitives' journey" stand out in today's technology landscape. His leadership style still feels rooted in engineering.

- Less noise.**
- More product.**
- Less hype.**
- More execution.**

And while much of the industry continues talking about the future of AI, Ravi Daparthi and the Signitives team seems more interested in quietly building it.



# The Visionary Journey Of Dr. Devir Singh Bhandari

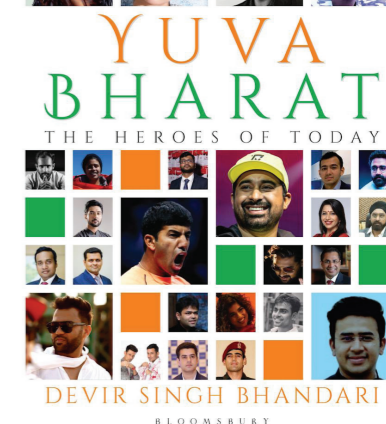
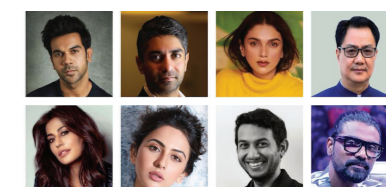
**DR. DEVIR SINGH BHANDARI**  
CHAIRMAN | BHARAT INDUSTRIES,  
FILMMAKER AND AUTHOR | VICE PRESIDENT- DSB FOUNDATION

Dr. Devir Singh Bhandari is a Delhi-based author, entrepreneur, and social leader whose work spans business, philanthropy, and media. "Real change cannot be forced—it has to be inspired. Hence the need to always lead from the front," he says, a belief that guides his ventures across industries and social initiatives.

Born into a family of Army veterans, Dr. Bhandari combines discipline with empathy in his nation-building efforts. As Chairman of Bharat Industries, with

operations across media, healthcare, infrastructure, and security, he has led impactful initiatives across India. His security venture in Delhi & Gujarat supports the government's Skill India Mission by employing ex-servicemen, while in Delhi NCR he personally oversees the healthcare operations to ensure timely emergency ambulance support to those in need. Following the expansion of Bharat Industries' infrastructure division into Chennai, Chhattisgarh & Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal has now become a major operational base & a second home for him.

As Vice President of the DSB Foundation, Dr. Bhandari has led Covid-19 safety kit distribution campaigns, food drives at Tihar Jail, winter blanket initiatives, road safety campaigns, and supported programs



for orphanages and shelter homes.

"Being present and witnessing impact firsthand keeps you grounded & drives you to do more" he says.

Dr. Bhandari's creative work reflects the same social commitment as his commercial work. His documentary for SAARC, Celebrating Life, focussing on cancer awareness, was released by Delhi's Health Minister, while his documentaries for the Delhi & UP government focused on the country's civic agendas.

His 2021 published book Yuva Bharat profiled India's young achievers, featuring personalities like Rajkumar Rao, Ritesh Agarwal, Neeraj Chopra, Abhinav Bindra, Aditi Rao Hydari, Rani Rampal & Tejasvi Surya. Dr. Bhandari's upcoming books are an interesting mix of spirituality & leadership. While 'Gama in the Land of Lama' urges the youth to follow their heart and build their success on pillars of integrity & giving back to the society

Recipient of honors including the Radio City Youth Icon, ASSOCHAM Young Entrepreneur of India award, and an honorary doctorate in social work, Dr. Bhandari continues to champion entrepreneurship rooted with integrity, compassion & social impact.

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