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14	Mr.R.Sekar, IPS Retd	Former DGP, TN and Present Group Director - Security & Intelligence , TVS MOTOR COMPANY LIMITED	Chennai



Mr. M.M. Rajendran, IAS Retd
Former Governor of Odisha



Topper of Physics Masters in University of Madras in 1955 , An IAS Topper of 1957 Batch of TN Cadre. He has Glorious Public service spanning over 60 years with various credible service as Collector of 2 Important Districts of Tamil Nadu, Secretary of 5 Departments in TN , Chairman and CEO of two major PSU , Director of NLC , Jt Secretary of Gol , Sr. Advisor to Chief of UNICEF at NYC for 5 years , as Chief Secretary of TN – 88 – 91 and Served as Secretary of Gol in MHRD and PA. Retd in 1993 and served as Governor of Odisha during 1999 – 2004. Always known for his simplicity and high level of professional visionary.



Dr. M. Anandakrishnan
Former V.C. – Anna University
Chairman of IIT, Kanpur



Dr. M. Anandakrishnan, born in 1928, obtained his B.E in Highway Engg. in 1952 from College of Engineering, Guindy, Madras and Ph.D in Civil Engineering (1960) from the University of Minnesota, USA. On return he joined Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur as a member of the Civil Engineering faculty and served in various capacities in academic and institutional development.

From 1974 to 1978 he served as the first Science Counselor at the Embassy of India Washington, D.C. Thereafter from 1978 to 1989 he was the Deputy Director of the Centre for Science and Technology for Development, United Nations, New York from. From 1990 to 1996 he was the Vice-Chancellor of Anna University, Chennai for two terms. Later he was Vice-Chairman of the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education from 1996 to 2002 and concurrently the Advisor to the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on Information Technology and e-Governance. He served as a member or chairman of a large number of National Committees of the University Grants Commission, All India Council of technical Education, National Assessment and Accreditation Council and so on.

His honours and awards include Padma Shri from the President of India (2002)



Dr. Damodar Acharya
Chairman – Advisory Board
SIKSHA'O' ANUSANDHAN UNIVERSITY



Former Director, IIT Kharapur,
Former Chairman, AICTE
Former Vice-Chancellor, BPUT

Prof. Damodar Acharya, residing at Bhubaneswar, has done his M.Tech in IE&OR and Ph.D from IIT Kharagpur. He has about 33 years of diversified experience, including 32 years of teaching and research experience at IIT, Kharagpur and 10 years of experience in academic administration as Founding Vice-Chancellor, Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Odisha, as Chairman of AICTE in 2005 - 2007 and as Director IIT Kharagpur from 2007 -2012. He was a Non official Director in the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India from 2012-2016. He also served in the Board of several Institutions and Industries including RCF and NALCO.

Prof. Damodar Acharya held several important positions at IIT Kharagpur as Chairman of JEE, Dean of Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy, and Chairman of Vinod Gupta School of Management. He was a consultant to many World-Class companies, such as Tata Steel, General Motors, He has received several honorary degrees and awards for his professional contributions. He is a fellow of both Indian National Academy of Engineering and National Academy of Sciences (India), and a member of several professional bodies, such as TIMS, ORSI, IE(India), and IIE. Currently, he is Chairman – Advisory Board of SOA University, Bhubaneswar.

Dr. Anshu Kataria

President - All India Federation of Self Financing
Technical Institutions



Dr. Kataria is Doctorate from University Business School, Punjab University, Chandigarh and he is running Aryans Group of Colleges on Chandigarh-Patiala Highway, near Chandigarh. He was the President of Chandigarh Management Association (CMA) & Vice President PUTIA. Young and enterprising Kataria has achieved several milestones in his career of over a decade where he is running a successful Business School. His vision to make a difference in the field by equating quality and excellence with performance has helped Aryans Business School being considered among the reputed business schools of the region.



Mr. M.G. Devasahayam,
IAS Retd.



Mr. M.G. Devasahayam is an Economist cum Administrator with a distinguished career spanning 40 years, with direct and first-hand experience in the working and ethos of Indian Army, Civil Services, Government, Public & Private Sector, Political system as well as NGOs.

Post-graduate in Economics from Loyola College, Madras. From the Army Mr. Devasahayam moved to the Indian Administrative Service. During his tenure in the IAS he successfully occupied several challenging economic and administrative positions in the State of Haryana and Central Government including Collector of two Districts. In 1985, he took voluntary retirement from the IAS and since then has been actively involved in the Private Sector and Voluntary Organisations. He is the Founder & Managing Trustee of the Chennai based Citizens' Alliance for Sustainable Living [SUSTAIN], an NGO devoted to the cause of advocating and promoting Sustainable Resource Management & 'Participatory Governance'. He is a Dynamic Thinker, Analyst, Writer and Author.



Dr. D. Gandhikumar

Past President – Federation MSME



Dr D Gandhikumar, a first generation successful entrepreneur from Coimbatore. A Mechanical Engineer, Dr Gandhikumar owns Gandhikumar Foundry based in Coimbatore, Tami Nadu. He has risen from ranks and is a veteran of working with small industry associations. He worked in various capacities in Coimbatore District Small Scale Industries Association (CODISSIA) and became its President in 2000. He was instrumental in initiating and executing path breaking projects in CODISSIA. Working at different levels in Tamil Nadu Small and Tiny Industries Association (TANSTIA) - the state level body of MSMEs, he was elected President of TANSTIA in 2008. Institutions on Boards of which Dr. Gandhikumar served during the period include Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporations (TIIC) and Small Industries Development Corporation (SIDCO), Tamil Nadu. He was the Past president of MSME. A self-effacing man, is widely regarded among his peers for his honesty and dedication towards SME causes.



Mr. P. Haridas

Sr. Advocate / Former Secretary – D.G. Vaishnav College



He is a Advocate by Profession, an educationist, a Sportsman and belongs to one of an old Gujarati families settled down in Chennai viz., Gocoldoss Jumnadoss family, whose father was associated with B&C Mills and Founder Director of Indian Bank.

Was instrumental in the establishment of :

M.O.P. Vaishnav College for Women

Department of Vaishnavism in the University of Madras

Presently a Member of :

Secretary of D.G. Vaishnav College from 18-02-2010

Secretary of M.O.P. Vaishnav Colllege (1992-2010)

Governing Body of Kongunadu Arts & Science College, Coimbatore

Governing Body of Sri Sankara Arts & Science College, Kancheepuram

Expert Member in the Academic Council of Women's Christian College

Smt. S. Malarvizhi

Chairperson & Managing Trustee – Sri Krishna College of Engineering & Technology, Coimbatore



Smt. S. Malarvizhi, is the driving force behind the 'Sri Krishna Institutions' that include Engineering, Arts and Science and Polytechnic colleges. She is a multifaceted personality. As a visionary academician and able administrator. Under her able guidance, the College has been accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade and National Board of Accreditation. As a Syndicate member of Anna University, she has contributed for the enhancement of the quality of Technical Education in the State. With the view of fulfilling the social responsibilities, she has been contributing for women empowerment as a Convener of 'Indian Women Networking' Coimbatore Chapter of Confederation of Indian Industries. Her interest towards the social upliftment of rural people of Coimbatore resulted in conducting many social services and awareness programs through NSS units of all Sri Krishna Institutions. The Managing Trustee has been patronizing sports and games from various positions such as Advisory Committee Member of Sports Development Authority of Tami Nadu, Coimbatore Division and Chairman of Coimbatore District all Sports and Games Association.

A portrait of Mr. V.M. Muralidharan, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt and an orange lanyard. He is speaking into a microphone.

Mr. V.M. Muralidharan
Chairman, Ethiraj College for Women and
Global COO, Bahwan CyberTek Group

He is an Indian educationist and IT industry veteran. Currently, he is the Chairman of Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai and the Global COO of Bahwan CyberTek Group. He is also a Trustee at ALERT NGO and a Charter Member on the India Advisory Board of Concordia College (New York). He has also served as a National Governing Council Member at the Institute of Marketing & Management, New Delhi.

In 2015, Muralidharan received the "Edupreneur Award" from His Excellency Dr. Rosaiah, Hon'ble Governor of Tamilnadu, for his initiatives, commitments, excellence and significant contributions in the field of education.

In 2016, he was conferred with the "Eminent Educationist Award" at the Indo-American Education Summit 2016.

In 2017, he was awarded with the "Vocational Excellence Award" by Rotary Club, under International Dist. 3230 in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding contributions to the cause of Women Literacy.

In 2018, he was conferred with the "Distinguished Alumnus Award" by the Alumni Association College of Engineering, Guindy in recognition of his outstanding service to India and elsewhere in the world in field of Education and Information Technology.



Dr. R. Natarajan
Former AICTE – Chairman and
Director – IIT Chennai



He is the former director of IIT Madras and former chairman of AICTE, India.

He has been conferred honorary doctorate degrees by the University of South Australia, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (A.P.), Kanpur University, Nagarjuna University (A.P.), and Purvanchal University (U.P.).

He has been the Editor of several international and national journals.



Prof. Nandini Vaidyanathan
Chairman & MD – CARMa Venture Services



She's a traveling teacher who teaches Entrepreneurship in several ivy league business schools around the world. From being just a word in the dictionary a few years ago, entrepreneurship has now consumed her whole being.

After 20 years in the corporate sector, working in MNC's on all inhabited continents, she returned to India in 2005 and began teaching entrepreneurship. CARMa mentors start-ups, mature enterprises and family businesses. As on date, CARMa has mentored over 3500 entrepreneurs! CARMa has also been involved in mentoring women to scale from livelihood enterprises to opportunity based and profitable organizations in Afghanistan, South and East Africa and India. Till date over 10,000 women have been mentored to build scalable and profitable enterprises.

She is a prolific writer for mainstream newspapers, portals and blogs.

She is a TED speaker.

She is regularly on the jury of television shows on business channels and entrepreneurship events across the world.

She was named Business Woman of the year by Business Goa in 2014.

She travels across the globe for teaching, mentoring, speaking, trekking and climbing.



Mr. N.K. Ranganathan
CEO – Grundfos India



Mr. N.K. Ranganath is the Managing Director of Grundfos Pumps India Pvt. Ltd. from its inception in 1998. He completed his Mechanical Engineering from College of Engineering, Guindy in 1978 and his Post Graduation in Business Management from XLRI, Jamshedpur in 1980. He has over 38 years of experience covering marketing, sales, design, project management, finance and HR.

His job has necessitated travel to many countries and he has been involved in technology transfer to India from other countries. Grundfos India under him has been very successful and also has the distinction of having one of the first green rated buildings in India. His focus has been on water and energy conservation and he is the Co-Chairman of the CII- National water committee. He is a past president of the Madras Management Association and the past chairman of the CII Tamilnadu council. He has been active in CII committees on water, skill development, manufacturing, ease of doing business.



Ms. Sashi Singh
Chairperson – Consortium of Women
Entrepreneurs of India



Shashi Singh is the Chairperson of the Consortium of Women Entrepreneurs of India (CWEI). CWEI is a not for profit technical institution which builds capacities for the total empowerment of women in clusters through institution building and entrepreneurship Development. She is a member of National Board, Ministry of Micro & Small enterprises, Govt. of India. Currently she is passionately involved in supporting BPL – Below Poverty Line families and self Help Groups to provide marketing support through an established brand name MOHA – A social enterprise. She was awarded by the President of India for Excellence in Promotion of Small Industries while she was the Director of NSIC, National Small Industries Corporation, Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India. She is also the member of Standing Advisory Committee of RBI and is involved in financial inclusion for the micro enterprises. As an International Consultant, Ms Singh has executed many turnkey projects as a UN Consultant in the post conflict country -Afghanistan to provide knowledge management and technical support for enterprise building for women. She has established Networking program for forward and backward linkages with 42 countries worldwide.



Mr. Purushothaman K

NASSCOM – Senior Director



Mr. K. Purushothaman has been part of the corporate world for more than two decades. He has worked for many industries representing Media, Automobile, Telecom and software consulting before joining NASSCOM. He, as the Senior Director handling the relationship of IT services across country. He had worked with various Governments on IT policies, established IT parks and worked with various stakeholders for the benefit of Industry at large. He did his graduate and post-graduate studies in Business Administration. At present, he is the member of the Rural BPO Council, Hardware Council, E-Governance Council for the State Government of Tamil Nadu. Represents the Industry at BIS.

A portrait of Mr. V.G. Ramdoss, a man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and striped tie. He is smiling slightly.

Mr. V.G. Ramdoss

Vice President – All India MSME Association,
Southern Region

Mr. V.G. Ramdoss is a Chemical Engineer from Alagappa Chettiar College of Technology, Chennai. He is a well known businessman in Madurai, manufacturers and exporters of high quality handloom sarees and textile products registered as “Maniram Sarees”.

Positions held :

Vice President – All India MSME Association, Southern Region

Vice President – Tamil Nadu Chamber of Commerce, Madurai

Secretary – Handloom Cloth Manufacturers Association

President – International Human Rights Association, Madurai

Management Committee Member – Sourashtra College Arts & Science

Founder & President – Sourashtra Munnetra Kazhagam, a community welfare organization.



Mr. R. Sekar, IPS Retd

Deputy General of Police – Tamil Nadu, Retd.



Mr. R. Sekar, an 1981 Batch IPS officer of TN cadre has had a Glorious service to Nation as :

DGP – Tamil Nadu , Vigilance Officer of TANGEDCO , ADGP of Railways , Chief of CB-CID and as Chennai City Police Commissioner.

He has been the Recipient of receiving Meritorious service Award from President of India and has been the Brain behind cracking many Crucial Cases and Anti National Activities. He is known as a Great motivator of the Police force by an Example .

Currently he is the Group Director - Security & Intelligence , TVS MOTOR COMPANY LIMITED