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DIGITAL INDIA

— ROUNDTABLE —

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Roundtable Theme: Harnessing US innovation & technology capital to help deliver a truly Digital India – making it mutually beneficial for both countries

8:45 am – 9:45 am:	Invitation only Power Breakfast (Breakfast would focus on the overall theme of the roundtable.)
9:00 am – 10:00 am:	Delegate Registration Coffee/Tea & light breakfast
10:00 am:	Welcome Arvind Gupta, Roundtable Chair
10:05 am:	Plenary Session Moderated/Chaired by Manoj Ladwa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Chief Guest Address: (via video) Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad Hon'ble Union Minister Ministry of Communications & Information Technology Government of India ■ Keynote Address: The Indian Perspective: HE Dr S. Jaishankar Indian Ambassador to the United States ■ Keynote Address: The US Perspective: Senior US Government Official TBC ■ Keynote Address: R. S. Sharma IAS Secretary DeitY, Government of India ■ Keynote Address: Dr John P. Holdren* Director Office of Science & Technology Policy The White House ■ Vote of Thanks & Q&A: Manoj Ladwa Publisher & CEO India Inc.
10:45 am:	The Industry's Strategic Perspective on the potential for Indo-US relationship in delivering a truly Digital India: How could it best implemented on the ground?

Issues to Cover:

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- 1) **Where do the opportunities lie for the private sector esp. US private sector?**
- 2) **What are the key challenges faced by industry?**
- 3) **How can government help in ensuring industry play a proactive part in delivering Digital India?**

Chaired/Moderated by Arvind Gupta

Keynote Address:

- **Dr Vishal Sikka**
CEO & MD
Infosys

Keynote Address:

- **Dean Garfield**
CEO & President
Information Technology Industry Council
- **Government Response**
Mr R.K. Goyal
Joint Secretary, International Cooperation
DeitY, Government of India

- **Q&A**

Panel Discussion:

- **Senior Amazon Rep**
- **Senior Google Rep**
- **Senior Qualcomm Rep**
- **Senior Dell Rep**
- **Senior TCS Rep**

11:30 am:	Coffee/Tea – Networking break
11:40 am:	Using Technology to Deliver Inclusive Growth

Issues to cover:

- 1) **Financial Inclusion & unleashing power of eCommerce**
- 2) **Improved Healthcare**
- 3) **Improved Education**

Keynote Address:

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- Sunil Wadwhani
Co-Chairman iGate Corporation

Keynote Address

- Dr Rajendra Kumar
Joint Secretary E-Governance
DeitY, Government of India

Q&A

Panel Discussion:

- Nikhil Khanna/Nitin Mantri - Moderator
- World Bank Rep
- Google Rep
- TCS Rep
- Amazon Rep
- Dr Ajai Garg
AD Int Cooperation, DeitY
- USAID Representative

12: 20 pm:

Panel Discussion – Smart Cities

Key Question: Where do the opportunities for collaboration lie in India’s urban renewal?

Issues to cover:

- 1) Role Technology can play in India’s rapid urbanisation
- 2) Smart Grids
- 3) Waste Management

Panel Discussion:

- Ridhika Batra
Director USA, FICCI – Moderator
- Dr Arvind Gupta
- Dr Gulshan Rai
DG, ICERT
- Qualcomm
- ITI Representative

12: 50 pm:

Developing India into an electronic manufacturing hub

How can India & the US collaborate best to ensure

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India grows into an electronic manufacturing hub?

Panel Discussion:

- Sadanand Dhume - Moderator
Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
- Senior Dell Executive
- Representative from Commerce Ministry, Gov. of India
- Senior Oracle Executive
- ITI Representative

1:15 pm:

USAID Collaboration with India – Success story

1:25 pm:

**Thanks and summation
Manoj Ladwa**

1:30 pm:

Networking Lunch

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Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad

Hon'ble Union Minister
Ministry of Communications & Information Technology
Government of India

Ravi Shankar Prasad is an eminent lawyer and senior advocate in the Supreme Court of India. He has been a member of influential parliamentary committees such as Finance, Communications & IT, and Petroleum & Chemicals.

As a Cabinet Minister for Communications and IT, he has been spearheading the task of reviving India's telecom sector and also actively leading the initiative to make India a global electronics manufacturing hub. The flagship program of Digital India, which aims to bring about good governance by extensive use of information technology, is being implemented under his leadership. As an all-rounder in charge of the government's reform agenda, he is also overseeing the reforms in the Indian legal and judicial system.



HE Dr S. Jaishankar

Indian Ambassador to the United States

Dr S. Jaishankar assumed his responsibilities as ambassador of India to the United States in December 2013. He arrived in Washington DC with more than three decades of diplomatic experience, having joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1977 and represented India's interests and fostered friendly working relationships in countries around the world.

Dr Jaishankar's first postings abroad were as Third and Second Secretary (Political) at the Embassy of India in Moscow from 1979 to 1981. From 1981 to 1985, he served as Under Secretary (Americas) and Policy Planning in the Ministry of External Affairs. He then spent three years from 1985 to 1988 as First Secretary handling political affairs at the Indian Embassy in Washington, DC, followed by two years as First Secretary and Political Advisor to the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) in Sri Lanka.

In 1990, Dr Jaishankar became Commercial Counsellor in Budapest. After three years in that position, he returned to India where he served first as Director of East Europe Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, and then as Press Secretary to the President of India. Following this service in India, Dr Jaishankar went abroad again – to Tokyo in 1996 as Deputy Chief of Mission.

In the year 2000, he was appointed the Ambassador of India to Czech Republic and served in Prague till 2004.

Dr Jaishankar holds a Ph.D. and M.Phil in International Relations and a M.A. in Political Science. He is also a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London.



R.S. Sharma

Secretary, Department of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India

R.S. Sharma is Secretary in the Department of Electronics and Information Technology of the Government of India. Prior to this assignment he has worked as Chief Secretary to the State Government of Jharkhand (India). His other assignments include Director General & Mission Director of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), where he was responsible for the overall implementation of this ambitious and challenging project undertaken by the Government of India to provide a unique identification to all its residents.

Before his posting with UIDAI, he worked with the Government of Jharkhand as Principal Secretary of the Departments of Science and Technology, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Information Technology (IT), Rural Development and Human Resources Development. As Principal Secretary of the IT Department, he was responsible for the formulation of state policies in the IT and e-Governance areas. He also over-saw the implementation of various e-governance projects in all the departments of the state government.

His contributions in the field of IT and e-governance have been widely recognised, both within India and outside.



Dr John P. Holdren

Director, Office of Science & Technology Policy, The White House

John is assistant to the US President for Science and Technology in his role as director in the Office of Science & Technology Policy at the White House. He also co-chairs the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST).

Prior to joining the Obama administration, Dr Holdren was Teresa and John Heinz Professor of Environmental Policy and Director of the Program on Science, Technology, and Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, as well as professor at Harvard's Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences and Director of the independent, non-profit Woods Hole Research Center.

Previously he was on the faculty of the University of California, Berkeley, where he co-founded in 1973 and co-led until 1996 the interdisciplinary graduate-degree program in energy and resources.

During the Clinton administration, Dr Holdren served as a member of PCAST through both terms and in that capacity chaired studies requested by President Clinton on preventing theft of nuclear materials, disposition of surplus weapon plutonium, the prospects of fusion energy, U.S. energy R&D strategy, and international cooperation on energy-technology innovation.

Dr Holdren holds advanced degrees in aerospace engineering and theoretical plasma physics from MIT and Stanford.



Manoj Ladwa

Chief Executive, MLS Chase Group, Founder, India Inc.

Manoj served as a member of the hugely successful Narendra Modi for Prime Minister campaign team. Manoj headed the campaign's Research, Analysis, and Messaging team in New Delhi working closely with the top BJP leadership and spokespeople to conceive and coordinate the national communications and advertising strategy.

Manoj is the founder and chief executive of the MLS Chase Group. He has interests in India focused advisory services, corporate affairs, and media. He is a Non-Executive Director of leading biotech firm Helperby Therapeutics Group.

Manoj divides his time between his businesses and pursuing charitable and political interests in the UK and India. Manoj's specialist areas are structuring international ventures and resolving complex disputes. He is a recognised expert on foreign direct investments into India.

In 2010 he founded India Inc www.indiaincorporated.com a media organisation which includes brands such as the India Global Business magazine, India Investment Journal and India Policy Exchange. Manoj was also a founder of Saffron Chase, a government relations and corporate communications consultancy which merged with his MLS Chase Group in 2012.

Manoj serves on the Advisory Boards of the Commonwealth Enterprise & Investment Council and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (UK).

He is an accomplished media commentator and is frequently invited to speak at international conferences. Manoj has authored over 100 articles and publications. He writes a popular weekly blog called "Globally Speaking" and is active on Twitter @manojladwa.

Manoj is founder Trustee of international volunteering charity SEWA Day and has recently been appointed to the Governing Council as a Trustee of the Avanti Schools Trust.

Manoj is a graduate of the London School of Economics. He is dual qualified as an English solicitor (non practising) and Indian advocate.



Arvind Gupta

National Head, Bharatiya Janata Party IT Cell

Arvind has over 20 years of industry experience, having worked in diverse sectors across a variety of leadership, policy and entrepreneurial profiles. He has worked in large global consulting, software firms, banks and start-ups, both in India and the Silicon Valley. His forte is technology and business strategy, e-governance and technology entrepreneurship. He is an active member of NASSCOM, TIE and founding-member of Indian Software Products Industry Round table.

Arvind Gupta is also a frequent speaker at the CxO forums, CMO Academies and is guest faculty at international management schools. He is currently the National Technology Head for BJP and advises on policies at the national level and for the states where the BJP is in government. He promotes use of technology within party for modernisation, handling digital assets, providing high speed connectivity along with video conferencing units, development of apps and use of social media to reach out to young voters.



Ridhika Batra

Director USA, FICCI

Ridhika is the Country Head and Director for the US at the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

She has a keen understanding of issues and concerns relating to bilateral trade and investment between India, UK, France and now US.

Ridhika plays an active role in addressing such issues by engaging governments in meaningful dialogue, initiating dialogue between industry representatives to develop a road map and approach paper to influence policy decision-making in respective countries.

Her role involves connecting India-relevant industry clusters.



Sadanand Dhume

Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

Sadanand is a Resident Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, Washington DC, where he writes about South Asian political economy, foreign policy, business, and society, with a focus on India and Pakistan.

He also writes a bi-monthly column on South Asia for 'The Wall Street Journal', and contributes to publications such as 'Foreign Policy', 'Yale Global' and 'The Wilson Quarterly'.

Sadanand is the author of 'My Friend the Fanatic: Travels with a Radical Islamist', which has been published in the US, India, Australia and Indonesia. His next book will examine the rise of India's new middle class.



Dean Garfield

CEO & President, Information Technology Industry Council

Dean is the President and CEO of the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI). Since taking on this role in 2008, Dean has built ITI into a powerhouse of advocacy, insight, and influence in Washington DC and throughout the world.

He leads a team of professionals who, combined, bring nearly three centuries of advocacy experience to bear on the most complex policy challenges facing the world's leading technology companies.

Dean has worked to foster a policy environment that embraces cutting-edge research, game-changing technologies, and national economic champions as central to the foundation for sustained job creation and growth.



Dr Rajendra Kumar

Joint Secretary, E-Governance, Department of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India

Dr Rajendra Kumar is a senior officer in the Indian Administrative Service (I.A.S.) and is currently working as the Joint Secretary (e-Gov) in the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeiTY), Government of India.

He leads the entire e-governance and technology development for Indian languages initiative at the national level and is responsible for the overall implementation of the flagship National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) of the Government of India. He has conceptualized and implemented three major e-governance initiatives within DeiTY: the new Mobile Seva project aimed at bringing all government services on the mobile platform, EPramaan for electronic authentication of all users of e-governance services, and localization aimed at promoting the usage of Indian languages in e-governance and mobile based services. Prior to his current assignment, he has held senior positions in district administration and state government in Tamil Nadu.

Dr Kumar holds a PhD in international economic development and regional planning and an MCP from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, an MTech in Management and Systems from the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi, and a BTech in Civil Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur. He has published a book and several articles in international journals.



Nitin Mantri

Director, Chase India

Nitin Mantri is the CEO and Business Partner at Avian Media. In his current role, he is leading the company's overall growth strategy, international relations / affiliations and marketing of the firm. Under his leadership, the firm has consistently grown in its network and clientele.

Nitin has almost 17 years of experience in corporate and high-tech PR and marketing communications. He has extensive experience in strategising, planning and implementing global PR campaigns, having worked with technology/e-commerce, telecommunications, security, management consultancy and corporate clients.

Nitin along with his business partner founded Chase India, an Avian associate company, in 2010 to work on public affairs and government relations mandate for leading Indian and multinational companies.

Prior to Avian, Nitin was Director at Pleon, a leading PR agency in Europe (part of the Omnicom group). At Pleon, he was responsible for the UK operations as well as heading the corporate and technology B2B practices with direct responsibility of Pleon's key accounts – IBM, Nortel, COLT Telecom, Hughes Network Systems and Infosys.

Before Pleon, Nitin worked with Microland as their Manager, Communications, for ITspace.com in Bangalore. He started his career at Genesis PR where he was heading the technology and corporate practices in Mumbai. He managed a diverse range of clients including Symantec, Intel, IBM, TATA Interactive Systems, Accenture, HLL, PowerGen and JM Morgan Stanley.

Nitin is a post-graduate in business administration. He lives in Delhi with his wife and two children. He loves playing badminton, tennis and squash.



Dr Gulshan Rai

Director General, ICERT, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Dr Gulshan Rai is PhD in Electronics and has over 30 years of experience in different areas of Information Technology which include Cyber Security, e-Governance, Legal Framework in general and the Information Technology Act for e-commerce, and several related fields.

He has been deeply involved in number of e-Gov projects particularly in the Law Enforcement and Finance sector. He was principal member of group which set up MICR based cheque system introduced by RBI in 1984 and other big projects include TaxNet, Custom and Excise Network. At present, he is Director General, CERT-In (Indian Computer Emergency Response Team) and Group Coordinator of E-Security and Cyber Law Division in the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. Dr Rai is particularly focused on developing security capabilities in the country through increased security education programs. Prior to this he was Executive Director, ERNET India for over 7 years and he was instrumental in setting up of the first large scale education and research network in close collaboration with the leading educational and research institutions in the country. The network covered more than 350 universities and equal number of research organizations in the country. The network was connected on dedicated link with GEANT and other educational networks.

He has authored several reports which have been converted in to National Policies. He has authored couple of Research Papers and is expert on the Panel of IITs and other Universities for conducting PhD viva as well as guide for PhD students.



Dr Vishal Sikka

Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Infosys

Vishal Sikka is the Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director of Infosys. Prior to joining Infosys, Dr Sikka was a member of the Executive Board of SAP AG, leading all products and technologies, and driving innovation globally. In his 12 years at SAP, he was instrumental in defining the company's technology and product strategy and architecture. He is credited with creating the breakthrough in-memory data platform, SAP HANA. He accelerated SAP's development processes, bringing about a deep focus on design and user experience, transforming the company's innovation culture, expanding engagement with start-ups and venture investing, and leading product incubation and co-creation with customers. He is also the creator of the concept of 'timeless software', which articulates the principles for the renewal of products without disruption to customer environments. He is especially known for his championship of technology as an amplifier of human potential, and his passion for applying software in purposeful ways to address some of the biggest global challenges.

His experience includes research in artificial intelligence, intelligent systems, programming languages and models, and information management – at Stanford University, at Xerox Palo Alto Labs, and as founder of two start-up companies.

Dr Sikka received his BS in Computer Science from Syracuse University and holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Stanford University, USA.



Sunil Wadhvani
Co-Chairman, IGATE

Sunil Wadhvani is the Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of IGATE Corporation. He was one of the early pioneers of the IT industry and has guided the development and execution of IGATE's worldwide strategy.

Today, IGATE has over 40 sales offices and delivery centres across 16 countries with over 31,000 employees, providing Consulting, IT and Business Process Outsourcing services. IGATE has been ranked among the top three Best Employers to work with for the past six years in a row, and has received several awards for the high quality of its services.

In addition to IGATE, Mr Wadhvani is the Co-Founder and Chairman of the Board of Mastech Corporation, a provider of high-value information technology services and solutions. The company has won several awards including that from Business Week and was listed four times in Inc. Magazine's ranking of the fastest-growing companies in the U.S.

Mr Wadhvani has received numerous awards including "Entrepreneur of the Year" from Ernst & Young. He also serves on the Boards of Directors/Trustees of the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank (Pittsburgh), Carnegie-Mellon University, and the United Way.

Mr Wadhvani earned a Master's degree in Management from Carnegie-Mellon University, and a Bachelor's degree in Technology from the Indian Institute of Technology.



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