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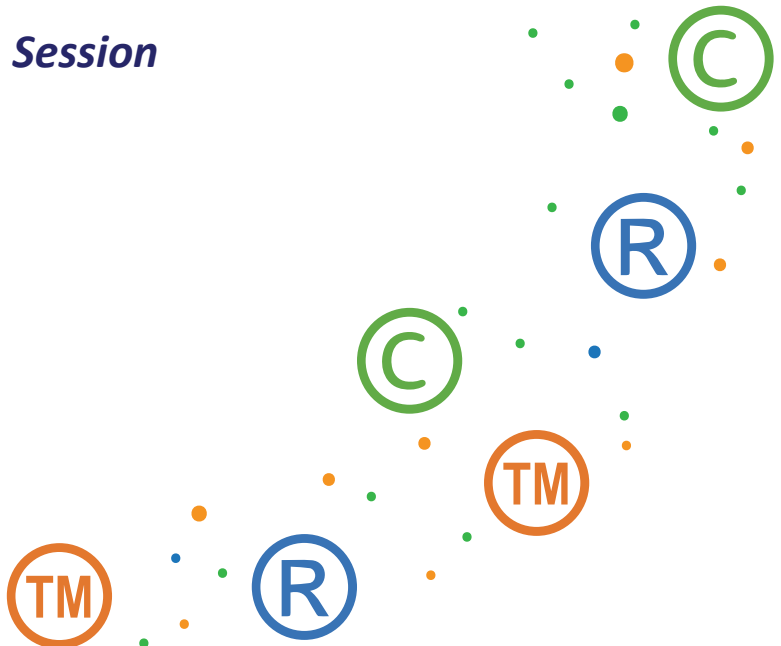


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Arvind Thakur

Chairman, CII National Committee on Intellectual Property & Senior Advisor to the Board, NIIT Technologies

Arvind Thakur has been the CEO, Vice Chairman & Managing Director at NIIT Technologies Ltd, a global IT solutions organization which was spun off from NIIT Ltd in 2004. He led the company since inception to be among the top IT Services providers from the country with a market capitalization of over USD 1 billion. In 2012 he was conferred the prestigious global Gold Stevie Award as “Executive of the Year” in the Computer Services category. Currently he serves the organization as Senior Adviser to the Board.

He also serves on the Board of Management of NIIT University, a not for profit institution. Mr Thakur is active in industry forums. He is an elected member of NASSCOM Executive Council and is the Chairman of the CII National Committee on IPR. Mr Thakur graduated in engineering from IIT, Kharagpur where he received the Institute Silver medal. Thereafter he pursued Post Graduation in Industrial Engineering from NITIE, Mumbai.



N N Prasad

Assistant Director General &
Chief of Staff in the Office of the Director General
World Intellectual Property Organisation, Geneva

Naresh Nandan Prasad is an Assistant Director General (ADG) and Chief of Staff to the Director General of WIPO and as such, is one of the senior-most Indians in the UN System. He had a long career in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS, 1981 batch) during which he gained wide experience at national, state and local levels in the areas of industrial policy, tourism, development and multilateral negotiations. As Joint Secretary of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Mr. Prasad was India's focal point for intellectual property and played a key role in modernizing the country's intellectual property infrastructure. At the international level in WIPO, he is responsible for the provision of strategic advice to the WIPO Director General and the management of the Director General's Office; as secretary of the WIPO Assemblies, overseeing this peak governance body of WIPO; coordination of WIPO's network of six external offices; ensuring effective communications of WIPO, both internally and externally; and managing the provision of protocol and events services. Mr. Prasad joined WIPO as Executive Director of the Office of the Director General in May 2009 and he became ADG in December 2014.



K Ananth Krishnan

Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer,
Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.

Mr. Krishnan directs Research, Innovation and Co-Innovation in TCS. Under his leadership, TCS has created significant IP with business impact. Ananth has architected an agile model for innovation delivery and has scaled innovation deep into business units. He has been a member of the TCS Corporate leadership since 1999, and has led many strategic initiatives.

Ananth has served on several Governing Councils of Academia, Industry Advisory boards, and Government and Alumni committees.

In recognition of his contributions towards engineering, Ananth was elected a Fellow of the Indian Academy of Engineering (INAE) in 2013. He was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Delhi in 2009. He has been listed in Computerworld's Premier 100 IT Leaders (2007), and in Infoworld's Top 25 CTOs (2007).

Ananth in an M. Tech. in Computer Science and a Masters in Physics from IIT - Delhi.



R Saha

Senior Advisor (IPR)
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R Saha is a B Tech from IIT Kanpur in Aeronautical Engineering. He got his Master's Degree from Cranfield University in England. He served the Government of India for 35 years in different capacities and handling different responsibilities including research and development and retired as Scientist G and Adviser from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. He has wide experience in technology evaluation and assessment, intellectual property rights management, regulatory processes and R&D policies and project implementation. He has been a pioneer in leading the national efforts in policy making and capacity building in the area of IPR. He planned and conducted two training programmes on IPR for developing countries drawing a participation of about 30 countries. He was invited as an international resource person to speak on IPR in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Namibia, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Oman, Malaysia, China, Philippines, Mauritius, Mexico and Uganda. He conducted more than 400 IPR workshops in India and other countries. 20 Patent Information Centers at state levels and 60 university IPR cells were set up in India under his leadership. He has been helping universities in developing their IPR policies. About 1000 patent applications were filed under his guidance on behalf of universities and R&D institutions. He represented India in discussions at WIPO and, was involved in negotiating international agreements on IPR in the context of scientific research and development.