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**3<sup>rd</sup> CSR Conference: Capacity Building in the CSR Ecosystem**

**Ranjana Khanna**, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India

Ranjana Khanna joined the American Chamber of Commerce in India as Director General CEO in November 2016. Focusing on enhancing U.S. - India economic partnership across sectors, she is leading AMCHAM to organize bilateral engagements with industry leaders and political leadership with both the U.S. and Indian government and presenting them with industry challenges.



Previously, Ranjana had served as Secretary General of the Indo American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) from 2014 – 2016. She was actively engaged with both industry and political leadership, enhancing IACC's brand image, positioning it as the apex bilateral chamber. Ranjana created connectivity with counterpart chambers in different U.S. states, working with both the state governments and local chambers. She enhanced member services through focused high-profile events, news and policy dissemination, and presented industry views to policy makers.

Ranjana has a long history with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) and originally joined as Director in 2003 when she headed corporate communications, civil aviation, tourism, special projects in Delhi. She rose in the ranks to Senior Director and took on additional responsibilities of the Americas and special international groupings and organizations. The role encompassed close interaction between industry and the government for catalyzing the reforms process and focused on increasing economic engagement internationally. Ranjana was posted in Washington D.C. as Senior Director, FICCI USA, from 2005, and promoted to Assistant Secretary General in 2006, and Deputy Secretary General in 2009.



**Harish Krishnan**, Managing Director, Public Affairs & Strategic Engagements, Cisco Systems, India & SAARC

As the Managing Director, Public Affairs & Strategic Engagements, Harish leads Cisco's strategic engagement with National and State Governments of India on wide range of public policy issues that concerns Cisco in India - as an investor, globalization hub, business unit and as a corporate citizen. Harish manages Cisco's India External Advisory Board which has oversight on transformational project and strategic issues on a 3-5 year horizon. Harish is based in New Delhi, India and is with Cisco since May 2007.

An industry veteran of over 25 years, Harish actively participates in public policy forums in India and is a Member of CII National Committee on Communications and Information Technology and



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Chair of US India Strategic Partnership Forum digital task force, Vice President of the Manufacturing Association of Information Technology, Chairman of Corporate Social Responsibility committee of American Chamber of Commerce in India. Harish is also the Former President and Co-Founder of Public Affairs Forum of India.

From 2003 to 2007, Harish was an Executive in the Governmental Program function of IBM specially focused providing leadership to IBM's policy engagement with the Government of India on Innovation, Global Resourcing & HR issues.

Prior to joining IBM, Harish worked for over 11 years with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) – India's Premier Industry organization in a variety of roles. In his last role as CII's Director for Information Technology, Harish worked with top CEOs of corporate India on issues affecting the IT& BPO industry.

**Salil Gupte**

President, Boeing India

Salil Gupte is President of Boeing India and the senior in-country executive, who integrates and advances Boeing's activities in India across its three business units: Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Boeing Global Services, and Boeing Defense, Space & Security, leading a team of 3500 employees across New Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Chennai.



Previously, Gupte was vice president of Boeing Capital Corporation, a wholly owned Boeing subsidiary, primarily responsible for arranging, structuring and providing financing for Boeing's commercial airplane, space and defense products. Gupte's earlier roles at Boeing include supply chain execution for Boeing Global Services and leading commercial operations for Boeing's spare parts business. Gupte has worked closely with customers across the Boeing enterprise, led sales and marketing teams, and has experience in commercial and defense supply chains, overseeing manufacturing, sourcing, and fulfilment activities for Boeing products. Gupte has also led Boeing's aftermarket strategy teams, completing joint ventures and acquisitions to accelerate Boeing's growth in services.

Gupte is Chairman of ASSOCHAM's National Council for Aerospace & Defence (A&D), a leading industry body that works towards promoting the growth of A&D in India, member of the National Executive Board of American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) and member of the Executive Board of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF), dedicated to strengthening the US-India bilateral and strategic partnership.



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Before joining Boeing in 2009, Gupte worked with Citigroup and Goldman Sachs, as an investment banker in the aviation and infrastructure sectors.

Gupte holds an M.B.A. from Stanford University and a B.A. in Economics from Cornell University.



**David Kennedy**, Minister Counselor for Public Affairs, U.S. Embassy

David H. Kennedy, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, has served in a wide range of public diplomacy positions, including Islamabad, Moscow, New Delhi, Geneva, Baghdad, Mazar-e-Sharif and Addis Ababa. David earned a bachelor's degree in history, a master's degree in international affairs, and an executive master's in business administration.

**Kshitija Krishnaswamy** is the Managing Director, Corporate Citizenship for Accenture in India, overseeing the company's social responsibility mandate in the country since 2007. Her expertise and experience over the last 13 years in CSR strategy and program management has helped Accenture progress towards its global goal of skilling 3 million people by 2020, by successfully training several thousands of people in India in securing a job or starting a business.



An MBA from Bombay University, Kshitija has worked for over fifteen years in Marketing and Business Strategy, with reputed corporates like Levi Strauss, 3M and Cadburys prior to joining Accenture. Just prior to joining Accenture she was an independent consultant to several blue chip organisations. Kshitija is the Co-Chairperson of AMCHAM's CSR Committee.