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Conference on  
Plastics in  
Automotive**



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**INNOVATE, INTEGRATE, ACCELERATE:  
PLASTICS LEADING AUTOMOTIVE TRANSFORMATION**

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## Milacron Injection Molding Solutions for Automotive Applications:

- Electrical and Electronics Systems
- Under the Hood
- Instrument Panel and Interior Components
- Exterior Body

For over 50 years, Milacron has pioneered advanced injection molding solutions, fueling the growth of global automotive manufacturers. Today, we continue to set industry benchmarks through innovation in plastics processing, a comprehensive product portfolio, IIoT-enabled solutions, and a PAN-India network that ensures proactive service support. With Milacron, you're not just investing in injection molding technology- you're partnering with a leader committed to driving your success forward.



## INNOVATE, INTEGRATE, ACCELERATE: PLASTICS LEADING AUTOMOTIVE TRANSFORMATION

The theme "Innovate, Integrate, Accelerate: Plastics Leading Automotive Transformation" is critical today as the automotive industry faces unprecedented challenges and opportunities. Innovation in plastic materials enhances vehicle performance, safety, and sustainability by reducing weight and improving fuel efficiency. Integration of advanced plastics into automotive components drives seamless advancements in electric and autonomous vehicles. Accelerating these changes is vital to meet stringent environmental regulations and consumer demand for greener, smarter cars. As the industry transitions to a more sustainable future, this theme underscores the essential role of plastics in driving technological breakthroughs, promoting efficiency, and leading the global automotive transformation.

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9:00AM – 10:00 AM	Networking & Registration
09: 40 AM –9:59 AM	Emcee Announcement
10:00AM –10:05 AM	Lamp Lighting
10:05 AM –10:10 AM	Welcome Address
10:10 AM –10:15 AM	Opening Note
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Hall of Fame Felicitations
10: 30AM –11:30 AM	Panel Discussion: Concept to Car: Transforming Automotives with Plastic Innovations
11:30AM –11:55 AM	Case Study: 25 mins Driving Innovation and Process Excellence in the Automotive Industry with Milacron’s Injection Molding Solutions by Bill Shukla, Managing Director, Milacron India Private Limited
11:55 AM-12:55 PM	Panel discussion: Innovative Materials: Exploring Bio-based and Recycled Plastics for Automotive Applications
12:55 PM to 0;1:15 PM	Case Study: Function Integrated Solutions for Future Mobility by Divakar Gokhale, Head of Mobility - Indian Subcontinent, Head of Business Development - Indian Subcontinent, Covestro.
1:15 PM to 1:30 PM	Case Study: Hot Runners for New Age Automotive Plastics & Applications by Vishal Agarwal, President, Yudo Hot Runner India Pvt. Ltd
1:30 PM to 2:00 PM	Lunch Break
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Panel discussion: Design Innovations: Enhancing Aesthetics, Functionality, Safety and Sustainability with Plastic Components
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Case Study: New Trends in PP Compounds for Automotive Application by Jignasha Bambhaniya, Scientist – Advanced Polymer Compounds, JJ Plastalloy Pvt. Ltd
3:15 PM to 4:15 PM	Panel Discussion: Smart Plastics and Autonomous Vehicles: Integrating Sensors, IoT, and Advanced Materials for the Future of Mobility
4:15 Pm to 5:15 PM	Panel discussion: Sustainable Solutions: Circular Economy Approaches to Plastic Recycling and Reuse in Automotive Manufacturing
5:15 PM to 5:30	Yudo Contest Winner declaration
5:30 PM	Event Ends

PANEL DISCUSSION

Concept to Car: Transforming Automotives with Plastic Innovations

- **Bill Shukla**, Managing Director, Milacron India Private Limited
- **Chandrakant Nayak**, Country President and CEO, Dow Chemical International Pvt. Ltd. (Dow India)
- **Shailendra Goswami**, Chairman & Managing Director, Pushkaraj Group
- **Sunil Koparkar**, Managing Director, IAC India , Thailand & Japan
- **Yashovardhan Agarwal**, MD, Welspun Corp Limited
- **Dr KC Vohra**, Chairman ASDC & Former Sr. Deputy Director & Head ARAI Academy, ARAI
- **Vinit Adarkar**, VP, RD/IDM & Head of Department – Design(Styling), Interior and Exterior Modules, Mercedes-Benz Research and Development India Pvt. Ltd.
- **Divakar Gokhale**, Head of Mobility - Indian Subcontinent, Head of Business Development - Indian Subcontinent, Covestro

Moderator: **Rahul Kamat**, Editor – B2B Division, Worldwide Media, The Times Group

Innovative Materials: Exploring Bio-based and Recycled Plastics for Automotive Applications

- **Jaiprakash Ramani**, Chief Marketing Officer, Auto Comp BU, Supreme Group
- **Olivier Chastang**, India Country General Manager, Forvia Faurecia
- **Dr Nileshkumar Kukalyekar**, Business Director- South Asia, Middle East and Africa, Envalior India
- **PC Jayan**, Business Unit Head - Technical Centre, Tata AutoComp Systems Ltd
- **Ganesh Garkhedkar**, R&D Function Head - 2W, Varroc Polymers Ltd

Moderator: **Nisha Shukla**, Senior Assistant Editor – B2B Division, Worldwide Media, The Times Group

Design Innovations: Enhancing Aesthetics, Functionality, Sustainability and Safety with Plastic Components

- **Hyder Khan**, CEO & Director, Godawari Electric Motors
- **B.Thej Kumar**, Vice President – Operations, Product Development and Quality, Toyoda Gosei South India Pvt Ltd
- **Bhila Patil**, Vice President, RADIX Dies & Moulds Pvt. Ltd.
- **Ajay Jain**, Head of India Studio & Global Design Strategy, Tata Motors Design
- **Nilesh Shroff**, Business Leader, Milacron
- **Shibashis Ghosh**, Sr. Tech Specialist – Design & Manufacturing, Altair Engineering

Moderator: **Rahul Mahajan**, Deputy Director & Head of Engineering Design & Simulation and Passive Safety Laboratory, ARAI

## PANEL DISCUSSION

### Plastics and Autonomous Vehicles: Integrating Sensors, IoT, and Advanced Materials for the Future of Mobility

- **Dr. Rajamanickam C S**, Head of Thermal Management, TATA AutoComp Systems Ltd -Technical Centre
- **Vishal Bhargava**, Group CIO, IT & Systems, Naxnova
- **Srivatsa Vani Prasanna Sriperumbudur**, Associate Chief Engineer (Sr. GM) – Trims, Mahindra Research Valley, Mahindra & Mahindra.
- **Noel Harris**, Program Manager, Tata Technologies
- **Prashant Yadav**, Deputy General Manager, FEV India

Moderator: **Divakar Gokhale**, Head of Mobility - Indian Subcontinent, Head of Business Development - Indian Subcontinent, Covestro

### Sustainable Solutions: Circular Economy Approaches to Plastic Recycling and Reuse in Automotive Manufacturing

- **Gautam Mehra**, Founder, Paripatram Solutions
- **Kashyap Devulapally**, Co-founder & Chief compliance officer, Elima
- **Haren Sanghavi**, MD, GMS Machinery
- **Gaku Nakayama**, Director of Mobility - Asia, Covestro Engineering Plastics
- **Amit Patel**, Head Business Development & Partnership, Nepra Resource Management Pvt Ltd

Moderator: **Dr Medha Tadpatrikar**, Executive Committee Member, Material Recycling Association Of India



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## AJAY JAIN

**HEAD OF INDIA STUDIO & GLOBAL DESIGN STRATEGY, TATA MOTORS DESIGN**

Ajay Jain is a prominent Indian-born car designer with a distinguished multinational career. His passion for car design began early, leading him to graduate from The ArtCenter College of Design's European campus in Switzerland in 1995. Over nearly 30 years, he has worked in six countries for brands across four continents, specialising in strategy, exterior, interior, and CMF design, contributing to numerous production and concept vehicles.

His career began with an internship at Opel/General Motors Europe, followed by significant roles at Ford in Germany and Daewoo Design in the UK. Jain played a vital role in designing iconic models, including the 1997 Ford Focus and the 2002 Cadillac Sixteen Concept. He helped establish Renault's design studio in India and later worked on brands like MG and Roewe at SAIC Motors in China.

As Senior Design Manager at Geely Design China, he led electric vehicle design strategy and returned to India to focus on Tata Motors' future vehicle designs. Jain is also a dedicated mentor, inspiring the next generation of car designers.



## AMIT PATEL

**HEAD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & PARTNERSHIP, NEPRA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PVT. LTD.**

Amit Patel is a seasoned professional with over 18 years of experience in business development across international and domestic markets. He is currently Head of Business Development & Partnerships at Nepra Resource Management Pvt. Ltd., a leading dry waste management and sustainability solutions company.

At Nepra, Patel is responsible for strategic planning and business development execution. The company operates advanced Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) in cities like Indore, Ahmedabad, Pune, and Bangalore, processing over 700 metric tonnes of dry waste daily. Nepra supports over 350 organisations in complying with plastic waste management rules through Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) advisory and execution services.

Nepra has also launched a state-of-the-art recycling facility in Sanand with multi-stage washing and compounding capabilities, producing high-quality post-consumer recycled granules, contributing to its mission of achieving zero waste to landfill.



## B. THEJ KUMAR

**VICE PRESIDENT - OPERATIONS, QUALITY AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, TOYODA GOSEI SOUTH INDIA PRIVATE LTD, BENGALURU**

B Thejkumar is a plastics professional with 28 years of experience, currently working at Toyoda Gosei South India Pvt Ltd, a Toyota group company renowned for automotive plastics and LEDs. He holds an MBA in Operations Management and a Postgraduate degree in Plastics Engineering from CIPET, where he ranked in the top five nationally, as well as a degree in Polymer Science and Technology from the University of Mysore.

Trained in the Toyota Production System at AOTS and Toyoda Gosei in Japan, he has furthered his leadership skills at IIM-A and the ROSS Business School in the USA. A certified GLOBAL QUALITY DENDOUSHI leader, Thejkumar is also an esteemed trainer in various methodologies such as Kaizen, Lean Manufacturing, and Quality Management.

As a panel speaker at international conferences, he has significantly contributed to discussions on plastics, automotive, and smart manufacturing. An avid traveller, biker, poet, and author, he actively promotes blood donation awareness and nurtures student growth through his initiative, Individual Social Responsibility (ISR).



## BHILA PATIL

**VICE PRESIDENT, RADIX DIES & MOULDS PVT. LTD.**

Bhila Patil has over 37 years of experience in the Indian Plastic Tooling Engineering sector, specialising in the design and development of injection moulding tools and extruder dies for PVC pipes, irrigation products, and automotive lamps.

His career has included global travel to explore technological advancements, with a focus on self-reliance in plastic mould development using local resources. For the past 21 years, Patil has focused on high-tech tooling for 2, 3, and 4-wheeler automotive lamps, meeting OEM market demands.

Currently Vice President at Radix Dies and Moulds Pvt. Ltd., Pune, he leads tooling and component development for automotive lamps, switches, HVAC systems, and other sectors. Patil is also involved in social activities promoting water literacy, river rejuvenation, farm irrigation, and sustainable plastic use.



## BILL SHUKLA

MANAGING DIRECTOR, MILACRON INDIA

Bill Shukla, Managing Director of Milacron India, is a dynamic leader with over 25 years of experience in engineering and manufacturing. Known for driving innovation and business transformation, he has successfully implemented strategic initiatives to keep companies ahead of industry trends with a customer-first approach.

At Milacron, his visionary leadership has led to sustainable growth and operational excellence, cementing the company's global standing. By integrating advanced technologies and sustainable practices, he strengthens Milacron's competitive edge in the plastics processing solutions market.

A strong advocate of mentorship and sustainability, Shukla focuses on empowering teams, fostering innovation, and delivering lasting value to customers and stakeholders.



## CHANDRAKANT NAYAK

COUNTRY PRESIDENT AND CEO, DOW CHEMICAL INTERNATIONAL PVT. LTD. (DOW INDIA)

Chandrakant Nayak is the Country President and CEO of Dow Chemical International Pvt. Ltd. (Dow India) and serves as Senior Sales Director for the Dow Polyurethanes business. Since joining Dow India in 1995 as an Account Manager for Polyethylene, he has been instrumental in the company's rapid growth, establishing partnerships in key sectors such as packaging, telecom, automotive, and consumer markets through innovative solutions.

With over 25 years of experience in Sales, Marketing, Business Development, and Asset Management, he has significantly contributed to growth in India, China, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Nayak is a member of the Executive Committee of the Indian Chemical Council, advocating for gender parity in the workplace and sponsoring employee resource groups for LGBTQ support and senior skill development.

He holds a Master's in Marketing Management from the University of Mumbai and a Bachelor's in Polymers Technology from the Institute of Chemical Technology (formerly UDCT).



## DIVAKAR GOKHALE

HEAD OF MOBILITY - INDIA SUBCONTINENT AND HEAD OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT, COVESTRO INDIA

With over 32 years of experience in Engineering Plastics and Polymers, Divakar Gokhale has played a vital role in Application & Technology Development, Innovation, and Design Thinking across various sectors, including Automotive, Railways, Electrical & Electronics, and Renewable Energy.

He holds a degree in Plastics Engineering, a Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Software, Systems Analysis & Applications, and a PG in Business Management specialising in International Marketing. Gokhale began his career at Bayer India as a Technical Sales Officer and has since taken on strategic roles in Sales & Marketing, Application Development, Global Innovation, and Business Development, with over three decades at Bayer and Covestro.

As a recognised thought leader, he has presented at numerous global conferences, including those organised by SIAM, AIPMA, ET Polymers, and the Driving Vision Network. In his free time, Gokhale enjoys dream analysis, Hindustani classical music, and photography.



## DR K.C. VORA

CHAIRMAN ASDC & FORMER SR DEPUTY DIRECTOR & HEAD OF ARAI ACADEMY

Dr K.C. Vora is a distinguished expert in automotive engineering, with a career spanning decades of impactful work in education, innovation, and industry. Recently retired as Senior Deputy Director and Head of the ARAI Academy, he has joined the College of Engineering, Pune, as an Emeritus Professor, where he continues to inspire the next generation of engineers.

Additionally, Dr Vora serves as Chairperson of the Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) expert group for electric vehicles, a role that allows him to drive advancements in sustainable automotive technology. His extensive contributions have earned him numerous accolades, reflecting his commitment to teaching excellence and his influence in the automotive field.

Dr Vora's wealth of knowledge and passion for innovation make him a respected authority and a vital contributor to the ongoing evolution of electric vehicles and automotive education in India.



## DR NILESHKUMAR KUKALYEKAR

**BUSINESS DIRECTOR, ENVALIOR**

Dr Nileshkumar Kukalyekar, Business Director for South Asia, the Middle East, and South Africa at Envalior, leads the company's operations in the region, with a strong focus on sustainability and driving business growth through excellence in manufacturing and innovation.

Before transitioning to business management, Dr Kukalyekar held a leadership role in Research and Development at DSM Engineering Materials, now Envalior. He holds a PhD in Polymer Technology from Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.



## DR. RAJAMANICKAM C S

**HEAD- THERMAL MANAGEMENT, TTC BUSINESS UNIT, TATA AUTOCOMP SYSTEMS LIMITED**

Dr. Rajamanickam C S is a highly accomplished engineering and management professional with over 22 years of experience in the automotive industry. As Head of Thermal Management at TACO Technical Centre, he specialises in product development, thermal systems engineering, and electric vehicle (EV) technologies, focusing on vehicle thermal management.

His expertise spans HVAC design optimisation, battery regulation, and frugal engineering, consistently delivering cost-effective, high-performance solutions. He excels in managing complex automotive projects from concept to completion, ensuring timely and efficient execution. With a strong foundation in strategic planning, he integrates technological advancements with business goals, driving sustainable growth.

Dr. Rajamanickam also advocates for ethical sourcing and digital transformation, enhancing operational efficiency and innovation. His global experience across North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia, coupled with his collaborative leadership, positions him as a key figure in the evolving automotive thermal management and electric mobility sectors.



## GAKU NAKAYAMA

**DIRECTOR OF MOBILITY - ASIA, COVESTRO JAPAN**

With over 30 years of experience in the plastics industry, Gaku Nakayama is the Director of Mobility for Covestro Engineering Plastics in the Asia region. He has been instrumental in driving core business growth through his leadership, team-building, and strategic vision. Gaku has deep expertise in the automotive industry across Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, ASEAN, and India, where he actively engages with key stakeholders in major automotive manufacturers and their Tier suppliers, fostering strong business relationships and collaborative initiatives.



## GANESH GARKHEDKAR

**R&D FUNCTION HEAD - 2W, VARROC POLYMERS LTD**

Ganesh Garkhedkar is a seasoned plastics technologist with 37 years of experience in new product development, process planning, project management, vendor development, R&D, and material engineering. He currently serves as the Function Head of 2W R&D and Innovation & Technology Head for 4W R&D at Varroc Polymers Limited, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar. Ganesh holds an M.Phil., M.Sc., BA, along with advanced diplomas in PDPMD and DPMT.

His technical expertise extends to advanced problem-solving through analytical tools and characterisation techniques like SEM, TEM, DSC, TGA, and FTIR. Garkhedkar has been instrumental in driving engineering development across 13 polymer manufacturing plants in India. He holds 16 patents and has presented 14 research papers at prestigious global conferences, both in Germany and India. Proficient in seven languages, he is widely respected for his contributions to the field of plastics technology and innovation.



## GAUTAM MEHRA

**FOUNDER, PARIPATRAM SOLUTIONS PVT LTD**

Gautam Mehra is a seasoned entrepreneur with over 25 years of experience in the Circular Economy, sustainable production, and consumption. He specialises in waste management, environmental sustainability, and social inclusion, leading innovative projects to formalise informal sectors and promote sustainable practices aligned with India's policies.

Mehra's expertise lies in transforming theoretical models into actionable strategies, particularly in managing valuable waste like e-waste, end-of-life vehicles, and plastics across the Global South. He has pioneered Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) frameworks in India's waste sectors, integrating informal workers into formal systems.

Mehra has also led research projects for MoHUA and GIZ, focusing on resource efficiency in electrical and electronic equipment. His notable contributions include working with MoEFCC and CPCB on plastics EPR and developing e-waste awareness under the Digital India Initiative. Mehra's collaborations with governments and international organisations have significantly improved waste management in India.



## HAREN SANGHAVI

**MANAGING DIRECTOR, GMS PLASTIC MACHINERY PRIVATE LIMITED**

Haren Sanghavi, Managing Director of GMS Plastic Machinery Pvt. Ltd., is a leading figure in the plastic processing industry. After completing his education, he joined the Satellite Group, overseeing technical sales, after-sales service, and production. A past president of the All-India Plastics Manufacturers' Association (AIPMA) from 2017 to 2018, Sanghavi has been key in advancing the industry.

Under his technical guidance, GMS Plastic Machinery has excelled in manufacturing extrusion systems, with a focus on recycling plants, downstream equipment, and ancillary machinery through a joint venture with Gamma Meccanica S.p.A., Italy.

Sanghavi regularly contributes technical articles to prominent industry journals and has presented papers at key seminars for organisations such as AIPMA, PlastIndia, and CIPET. His work has driven innovations in plastic technology and recycling, making him a highly respected industry leader.



## HYDER KHAN

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER & DIRECTOR, GODAWARI ELECTRIC MOTORS PVT LIMITED**

Hyder Ali Khan is a senior leader with over 29 years of experience in the automobile industry, driving growth at companies such as Kinetic Energy, Force Motors, Mahindra Rise, Piaggio Group, and Bajaj Auto. His pioneering work in the electric vehicle sector has led to successful leadership roles and business strategies.

Khan has a keen eye for consumer insights, developing customer-centric products and establishing businesses from scratch. His expertise in corporate brand building, product launches, and aligning with company visions makes him a valuable asset. His visionary leadership continues to create market-leading products in the ever-evolving automobile industry.



## JAIPRAKASH RAMANI (JP)

**CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER, SUPREME GROUP – AUTO BU**

Jaiprakash Ramani, known as JP in the automotive industry, is a seasoned professional with nearly 28 years of experience, including 15 years in senior management roles.

Currently Chief Marketing Officer, Automotive BU, at Supreme Group, JP has over 19 years of expertise in automotive interiors. He excels in business operations, development, product launches, and sales & marketing, with cross-cultural experience, including work in the ASEAN region.

A mechanical engineer by training, he holds postgraduate degrees in operations and marketing management, along with leadership training from London Business School and Singapore Management University. JP is passionate about artificial intelligence, Industry 5.0, Formula 1 racing, and ghazals, and enjoys reading and cooking for his family.





**JIGNASHA BAMBHANIYA**  
SCIENTIST – ADVANCED POLYMER  
COMPOUNDS, JJ PLASTALLOY

Jignasha Bambhaniya is an experienced professional in polymer research and development, currently serving as a Scientist at JJ Plastalloy, where she focuses on advancing polymer compounds. With a strong foundation in product development, she has made significant contributions to innovative solutions in the plastics industry.

Previously, Bambhaniya held roles at leading organisations such as Styrenix Performance Materials Limited and Ravago India, excelling in both new product development and material characterisation techniques. Her expertise includes analysing material properties, developing high-performance polymers, and contributing to sustainable product innovations.

She holds a Master's degree in Polymer Engineering from the Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, and a Bachelor's in Polymer/Plastics Engineering from CIPET, Ahmedabad. Bambhaniya's diverse experience and passion for polymers, combined with her drive for research excellence, make her a key contributor in the field of polymer compounds.



**KASHYAP DEVULAPALLY**  
CO-FOUNDER & CHIEF COMPLIANCE  
OFFICER, ELIMA

Kashyap is a recognised expert in compliance management, particularly in Plastic Waste, E-Waste, and Solid Waste Management Rules. He has guided numerous brands in implementing these regulations and contributed as an external committee member at the Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TSPCB) during the drafting of E-Waste regulations.

Devulapally participated in national-level stakeholder consultations with the MOEF&CC and CPCB in 2016, demonstrating his commitment to sustainability.

A certified TRUE Advisor by the US Green Building Council, Devulapally co-founded the Vridhi Foundation in 2008. Under his leadership, the NGO has driven impactful projects like "Water Hyderabad" for rainwater harvesting and "Plantation Hyderabad" to enhance the city's green cover. He also launched the global campaign "Ipledge3," promoting sustainable lifestyle practices, supported by UNEP Goodwill ambassador Dia Mirza.



**DR MEDHA TADPATRIKAR**  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER,  
MATERIAL RECYCLING ASSOCIATION OF  
INDIA

Medha Tadpatrikar, a TEDx speaker, writer, and entrepreneur, never envisioned working in waste management, referring to herself as an "accidental environmentalist." Unfulfilled by a 9 to 5 job, she co-founded Rudra Blue Planet Environmental Solutions (India) Ltd. Her journey into plastic waste management began after witnessing a deer's death in a wildlife sanctuary, inspiring her to find a solution.

In 2010, Tadpatrikar and her team built a pilot machine that successfully converted waste plastic into usable fuel. Today, they operate three plants across Pune, collecting waste plastic from over 50,000 households. As a founding trustee of Keshav Sita Memorial Foundation Trust, she has raised awareness on waste segregation, impacting over 275,000 people and diverting 5.5 million kg of plastic from landfills.

Tadpatrikar has received numerous awards, including Niti Ayog's Top 30 Women Transforming India and the Nottingham University Alumni Award. She is also a trained Bharatanatyam and Kathak dancer.



**NILESH SHROFF**  
BUSINESS LEADER, MILACRON INDIA

Nilesh Shroff, Business Leader at Milacron India, brings over 30 years of sales and business development experience to his leadership roles. He specialises in strategic planning, key account management, and market expansion, demonstrating strong skills in technical sales and project execution.

Shroff is recognised for his leadership and analytical abilities, consistently meeting ambitious targets while fostering sustainable growth and customer satisfaction. His influence spans various sectors, particularly in the automotive industry, where he collaborates with stakeholders to deliver innovative plastic processing solutions.



**NOEL HARRIS**  
PROGRAM MANAGER, TATA TECHNOLOGIES

Noel Harris is an accomplished automotive engineering professional with over 25 years of experience in the design, development, and optimisation of body and trim components for passenger vehicles. He specialises in exterior trims, with a particular focus on integrating sensors, cameras, and radars for Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS).

Known for delivering innovative solutions, Harris combines technical expertise with a deep understanding of aesthetics, functionality, and safety to enhance vehicle performance.

As a proven leader, he has successfully managed projects from concept to production, ensuring compliance with industry standards and consistently meeting customer expectations. Harris' extensive experience and leadership make him a key figure in the automotive engineering field.



**OLIVIER CHASTANG**  
INDIA COUNTRY GENERAL MANAGER, FORVIA FAURECIA

Olivier Chastang is a seasoned engineer with over 32 years of experience in R&D, specialising in automotive security, steering, seating, and interior systems. For the past seven years, he has focused on interiors for Tier 1 suppliers.

Throughout his career, he has held key managerial positions at Valeo, Delphi, and FORVIA Faurecia, where he currently serves as India Country General Manager. Chastang has led teams in global roles across the USA, Italy, China, and now India, bringing a wealth of international experience to his leadership.

He has also worked closely with customers worldwide, including in the USA, Europe, China, Japan, and Australia. His extensive expertise and global perspective make him a respected figure in the automotive industry.



**PC JAYAN**  
BUSINESS UNIT HEAD - TECHNICAL CENTRE, TATA AUTOCOMP SYSTEMS LTD

PC Jayan is a seasoned professional with over 30 years of experience in polymer and plastics engineering. He holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Polymer/Plastics Engineering from the Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology and a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Madras Christian College. Currently, he serves as the Business Unit Head - Technical Centre at Tata AutoComp Systems Ltd., where he oversees technical operations and leads initiatives to enhance the company's technological capabilities.

Previously, he was the Chief Technology Officer at Spark Minda - Plastics Division, driving innovation and technological advancements. His role as Director of Engineering at IAC Group contributed significantly to growth in automotive interior solutions, focusing on safety, lightweighting, and electronic integration.

Jayan has managed teams and executed complex projects in engineering and design, including notable accomplishments like developing cockpits for Mahindra XUV 700 and acoustic solutions for Mercedes platforms. At Tata AutoComp, he focuses on developing core engineering capabilities across various technologies.



**PRASHANT YADAV**  
DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - TRIMS & LIGHTING, FEV INDIA

Prashant Yadav is the Deputy General Manager - Trims & Lighting at FEV India. He has extensive experience with Indian OEMs such as Tata Motors and has worked extensively on passenger car interiors and exteriors, as well as lighting modules, from concept to vehicle launch and post-launch quality support.

He has published a paper at the WCX SAE World Congress 2024 on the bi-functional projector headlamp module. Additionally, he is responsible for the system engineering of passenger car lighting EE modules.



## RAHUL S MAHAJAN

DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND HOD,  
ENGINEERING DESIGN AND SIMULATION  
(EDS) AND PASSIVE SAFETY LAB (PSL),  
AUTOMOTIVE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION OF  
INDIA (ARAI)

Rahul S. Mahajan is the Deputy Director and Head of Engineering Design and Simulation (EDS) and Passive Safety Lab (PSL) at the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), where he has worked since 2002. With 22 years of experience, he holds a postgraduate degree in Mechanical-Design Engineering from Government College of Engineering, Pune.

Mahajan specialises in Computer-Aided Engineering (CAE), focusing on crash, impact, and drop analysis of automotive structures, alongside linear, non-linear, contact, and fatigue analysis. He has played a key role in developing CAE-based certification for commercial vehicles such as buses and trucks at ARAI.

Involved in numerous developmental projects across automotive and non-automotive fields, Mahajan has also overseen the establishment of CAE software and hardware, 3D scanning, benchmarking, and drop-test facilities at ARAI. He contributes to multiple standard formulation committees and is engaged in upcoming projects, including the HyGe facility and airbag test facility.



## SHAIENDRA GOSWAMI

CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
PUSHKARAJ GROUP

Shailendra is the Chairman and Managing Director of Pushkaraj Engineering Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. and Coherent Networking Solutions Pvt. Ltd. He also serves as an adviser and mentor for Aditya Enterprises and Tanmay Enterprises. An alumnus of COEP (1974) and IIM Bangalore (1977), he has over 30 years of experience in marketing, manufacturing, and operations, having transitioned from corporate roles to entrepreneurship in 1992.

He has played a pivotal role in establishing markets and manufacturing facilities in India for overseas partners and has facilitated joint ventures for MSMEs with international technology firms. His group has signed MOUs with the City of Yokohama and Israel to promote Indo-Japan ties and advance technologies in various sectors.

A professional speaker, Goswami has contributed significantly to academic and industry advisory boards, guiding thousands of students in career building. He has also established business hubs across Europe and Asia to promote bilateral trade, boasting 45 years of rich experience in the industry.



## SHIBASHIS GHOSH

SENIOR TECHNICAL MANAGER – DESIGN  
AND MANUFACTURING SOLUTION, ALTAIR

Shibashis Ghosh, a graduate production engineer with a postgraduate degree in business management, has spent over 15 years in the design and development of products and systems for the automobile and heavy earthmoving equipment industries. Before joining Altair, he worked for Kirloskar Oil Engines, Tata Motors, and John Deere.

In his current role as Senior Technical Manager – Design & Manufacturing, he assists product creators in developing optimum and defect-free components and systems.



## SRIVATSA VANI PRASANNA SRIPERUMBUDUR

ASSOCIATE CHIEF ENGINEER (SR. GM) –  
TRIMS, MAHINDRA RESEARCH VALLEY,  
MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA

As the Senior General Manager of the Trims Centre of Excellence at Mahindra & Mahindra, Srivatsa is dedicated to nurturing talent and fostering a culture of innovation. His strategic vision and proven track record in trims innovation and new product development align with the company's mission to deliver value through innovation.

He possesses extensive knowledge in various product development domains, including trims, BIW, seating, lighting, occupant packaging, platform packaging, and vehicle integration. His notable accomplishments include the Mahindra Born EVs (BE-05, BE-08, BE-09), THAR ROXX, XUV 300 platform, New Scorpio N, XUV 700, Marazzo, and the refreshed XUV 500.

Srivatsa has also led trims, seating, and lighting systems for the Renault KWID and Redi-GO and served as Head of Seats and Trims for the X4 platform and Indigo/Indica programs. He also possesses experience in management roles at Delphi Steering Systems and Tata Johnson Controls.



## SUNIL KOPARKAR

MANAGING DIRECTOR, IAC INDIA,  
THAILAND & JAPAN

Sunil Koparkar is an accomplished executive with a strong track record in driving operational excellence in complex global environments. His extensive experience in North America, Europe, and Asia has given him the ability to effectively navigate diverse markets and cultures.

Known for his strategic insight and problem-solving skills, Koparkar consistently achieves exceptional results in challenging business landscapes. His expertise in turnarounds, market penetration, and productivity enhancement has made him a highly sought-after leader.

With a keen focus on people development, he cultivates high-performance teams that exceed expectations. Koparkar's leadership style combines a results-oriented approach with a commitment to fostering a positive and collaborative work culture.



## VINIT S. ADARKAR

VICE PRESIDENT – RD/IDM & HOD -  
INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR PRODUCT  
DEVELOPMENT, DESIGN (STYLING),  
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Vinit S. Adarkar, a graduate in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pune and holder of a Postgraduate Diploma in Operations Management from Symbiosis International University, possesses over 22 years of experience in end-to-end product development with GCC OEMs and Tier 1 suppliers. He is upskilled and certified in Leading with Analytics and is passionate about integrating new-age technologies with traditional product development methods.

Starting his career as a seat development specialist at TATA Johnson Controls Automotive Limited, Adarkar gained valuable product development experience. His work across European locations, including Germany, France, and Slovakia, provided him with extensive intercultural experience, crucial in formulating global outreach strategies from India.

Since 2009, Adarkar has been with Mercedes Benz R&D India in Pune, transitioning from individual contributor to various project management and leadership roles, overseeing Interior, Exterior, Design, Body in White, and Full Vehicle Development across multiple business units. He also serves as the Site Head for MBRDI in Pune.



## VISHAL AGARWAL

PRESIDENT, YUDO HOT RUNNER INDIA  
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Vishal Agarwal is one of the most distinguished names and acknowledged entrepreneurs of the plastics industry in India. He heads Yudo India for India, SAARC countries, Middle East and Africa in his capacity as the President and has been instrumental in shaping the company as a Leader in hot runner systems, robots, auxiliary equipment, and factory automation for the injection molding industry.

A graduate in Plastics from CIPET-Ahmedabad in 1997, he started his career with Yudo in sales dept. the same year. He went on to establish Yudo India in 2000 to market and expand Hot Runner Systems in India. By 2005 Yudo India started working in overseas territory. Since 2007 onwards he went on to add new companies like YUDO Suns Automation, YUDO Star, YUDO Robotics, Petone to his portfolio.



## VISHAL BHARGAVA

GROUP CIO - IT & SYSTEMS, NAXNOVA

Vishal Bhargava, Chief Information Officer at Naxnova Technologies Private Limited, has nearly 25 years of experience in consulting, digital transformation, Industry 4.0, and smart manufacturing. He specialises in leading digital transformation initiatives and driving innovation in areas such as IoT/IIoT, MES, and asset performance management.



**YASHOVARDHAN  
AGARWAL**

**MANAGING DIRECTOR, WELSPUN BAPL**

Yashovardhan Agarwal, with over 10 years of experience across industries and corporate domains, is currently the Business Head/MD - Auto Business (WCL) at Welspun World, a \$2.3 billion Indian multinational operating in over 50 countries. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Managerial Economics from Bentley University and an MBA from the University of Notre Dame.

Agarwal pioneered a free app for empowering 26.8 million disabled individuals, earning recognition from the President of India. His career spans leadership roles, including Director positions at Welspun BAPL, Sintex-BAPL, and others.

In addition to his professional achievements, he has represented India at the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) World Dressage Challenge, winning several medals, including Gold (2003), and was recognised at Rashtrapati Bhawan as a National Medalist (2005).



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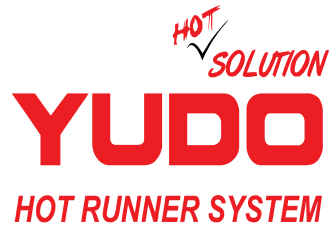
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YUDO specialises in hot runner systems, which are the core components of molds, and manufactures all essential parts internally, including nozzles, manifolds, mold bases, heaters, etc.

The core values of this vision can be summarized as 'Customer focus,' 'Cutting-edge technology' 'realising customers' dreams,' and 'company culture respected by customers.'

The company invites one to anticipate YUDO's future endeavors, whose entire business philosophy is focused on the customer. In India, the company has a history of over 21 years and is the most widely reached and preferred hot runner brand by customers. The company operates with a swift business structure offering a total solution, including the fastest door delivery, transactions in the local currency, quickest application, design, and after-sales service support.

YUDO India's approach emphasises that sustainability can drive innovation by introducing new design constraints that shape the versatility of the product to achieve the desired result. With a history spanning over four decades, the company has not only sustained its growth trajectory but has also become the largest and most versatile hot runner system manufacturer in the world. This commitment constantly drives us toward innovation in our product portfolio. Recent examples include ISO Manifold Technology, Tina AM Screwed-in leak-proof system, CPVC HRS Systems, Servo control, T multilayer systems, etc.

Under the Make in India program, the company is strongly committed. Vital spare parts that used to take days to come from overseas are now being manufactured in India.



## JJ Plastalloy Pvt. Ltd.

## JJ PLASTALLOY PVT. LTD.

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Established in 1995, JJ Plastalloy Pvt. Ltd. is a leading manufacturer and exporter of masterbatches and polymer compounds, delivering high-quality, innovative plastic solutions to industries worldwide. With over 28 years of experience, the company specializes in a wide range of masterbatches, including those for PP and PE Compounds, serving industries like automotive, agriculture, packaging, and more.

At JJ Plastalloy, innovation is at the heart of our operations. Our state-of-the-art Tatva Knowledge Center is approved by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India. This prestigious approval highlights our commitment to excellence in R&D, a distinction that sets us apart in the industry, as very few labs hold this certification. This advanced facility enables us to pioneer new products that meet the evolving demands of modern industries.

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Kandui's manufacturing facilities are powered by renowned machinery from industry giants such as Coperion (Germany), Farrel Pomini (USA), KraussMaffei Berstorff (Germany), and Steer (India). With an annual production capacity exceeding 45,000 metric tons and a turnover of ₹287 crores (US \$34.5 million) in 2023-24, Kandui is poised for further expansion, aiming to reach 60,000 metric tons soon.

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