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The New Blueprint



The 23rd annual CIO&Leader Conference, held between 26 and 28 August 2022 – the detailed photo story that you will read in this issue – was unique in many ways.

The most obvious was that this was our first large event after the pandemic. So was it for many CIO delegates. Throughout the history of the conference, something like this had never happened earlier. The emotions of being with their peers, especially from other cities, after so long, were writ clearly on the faces of many.

Two – and this is something that greatly influenced our theme – was that the expectations from the CIO, in these two years, changed more than it had changed in the previous five-six years. The New Blueprint, which the delegates deliberated and produced, at the conference, was a reaction to that changing expectation. In short, the idea behind this program, The New Blueprint, was to sensitize CEOs to the need of strategic tech intervention in all their priority areas. Who better than the CIOs to put together this strategic tech advisory for India,

What was extremely satisfying to see is that the typical tech jargon was missing from The New Blueprint recommendations. It was for the CEOs, in a language that they can relate to. That itself is a major change. CIOs finally can very fluently talk that language.

Inc? The advisory, to be edited and published by us soon, will not just contain how tech can help address specific CEO priority areas, it will also tell them what exactly the CEO needs to do to make the transformation happen. Guess what – it is not about more budget for technology. The most

common message seems to be creating a culture change. But wait, I should not spill the beans. Wait for The New Blueprint.

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The third unique feature of this year's conference was that we hosted the NEXT100 awards night as part of the conference. This means the NEXT100 winners had a lot of social interactions with the CIOs during the awards night and the final day. They, of course, loved it. CIOs loved it more. Many of CIOs who were previous winners of NEXT100, became so nostalgic!

Of course, like every time, we had fair share of fun and entertainment – in the form of a Leslie Lewis night and a Fareed Hasan (Indian classical music) morning.

The issue captures the visuals from all three days of the conference. It is not an adequate platform to carry the insights that got captured and the ideas that got shared. But these pictures give you a glimpse of the actions, emotions, bonhomie, and bonding ■

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By CIO&Leader

The 23rd annual CIO&Leader Conference, the flagship event of the premier CIO community platform, CIO&Leader, from 9.9 Group, was successfully held from 26 to 28 August 2022 at Holiday Inn Resort, Goa.

The conference, which is known for its distinctive format every year, had the theme, The New Blueprint, which focused on creating a strategic tech advisory for CEOs of India Inc. The conference brought together some of the most influential technologists of India who leveraged their energy, wisdom, insights and ideas to deliberate and recommend the finest technology implementation tactics to help businesses move forward.

Over 100 CIOs participated, demonstrating the conference's grandeur and soaring popularity over time. In the course of the engaging conference, more than 40 sessions in a range of formats — including keynote address, FireSide chat, roundtables, CIO talks, panel discussions, and workshops — were held.

Day 1's serious discussions were followed by a leisurely Feni tasting session and delectable goan cuisine at Fisherman's Wharf. On day 2 and 3 of the

conference, respectively, delegates were treated to electrifying performances by well-known Bollywood singer Leslee Lewis and famous Dilli Gharana classical vocalist Fareed Hasan.

The Next 100 Awards, a yearly award programme started by IT Next magazine and the 9.9 Group to select 100 seasoned IT managers with the aptitude and determination to become CIOs, were also presented during the Conference for the first time.

AN EXCITING START

Day 1 of the event began with participating CIOs and delegates being welcomed by Vikas Gupta, Publisher of CIO&Leader and Director & Co-founder, of 9.9 Group.

The major highlight of the day was the session with Sanjiv Puri, Chairman & Managing Director, ITC Ltd, on The New Blueprint: A CEO Perspective. The session was conducted by R. Giridhar, Group Editor, 9.9 Group, in a conversational format. The audience was captivated by Puri's in-depth and thought-provoking views as he spoke about the rising importance of technology and the significance of digital in pursuing innovations, achieving operational excellence, and offering a distinctive customer experience.

Vikas Gupta, Publisher and Director of 9.9 Group, held a Speed Dating session after the opening session. This was a one-of-a-kind format that allowed delegates to quickly engage with other attendees to drive more meaningful conversations and deepen their connections across multiple rounds of conversations.

The keynote talk by Manish Choksi, Vice Chairman of Asian Paints, on "A Digital-first Leader's Vision" was another top session that held everyone's attention.

The other keynote sessions of the day included:

- The Transformation Cloud by Nirdesh Chahal, Business Head - International, Persistent Systems
- Recalibrate Your Cloud Strategy, Kamal Nath, CEO, Sify Technologies & Nilotpal Dutta, Director - GreenLake Services, HPE India
- Multi-Cloud on your Terms by Ramesh Repaka, Advisory Systems Engineer, Dell Technologies

The sponsored sessions on the first day included:

- Leveraging Open-Source Communities to Drive Accelerated Software Delivery, Speaker: Nahas Mohammad, Regional Sales Director, Github
- Transforming Security Operations - From Insights to Response, Persistent Systems and Google Cloud. Speaker: Pandurang Kamat, CTO, Persistent Systems and Anubhav Wahi, Regional Lead Security, Google Cloud
- Recalibrate Your Cloud Strategy by Sify Technologies and HPE India. Speaker: Kamal Nath, CEO, Sify Technologies; Nilotpal Dutta, Director - GreenLake Cloud Services, HPE India; Anitosh Haldar, Business Head - DC, Cloud & Managed Services, Sify Technologies
- Bringing Order to Chaos -- From Data to Decisions by Snowflake: Mehul Patel, Regional Director - India, Snowflake

Discussions continued on day 2.

BRAINSTORMING FOR THE FUTURE

The second day began with Ideas Café, a conversational format workshop that delves deeper into possibilities, challenges, and

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solutions in certain technology or application areas. Eminent CIOs explored creative solutions to 13 different technology-related problems during the session.

The keynote talk by Anish Shah, President & CIO, and Kiran Thomas, President & CEO, Jio Platforms, on "Building a Digital Vision" was one of the major highlights on day two. Shah and Thomas discussed in greater detail how mobile and digital technology are transforming enterprises, enabling innovation and how this will affect the future throughout the talk.

Following the keynote address, participants engaged in thematic sessions to explore and discuss important business challenges and technology solutions to resolve them.

Inspiring CIO talks were also presented throughout the day by Ekhlq Bari, CIO of Jubilant FoodWorks, Venkatesh Mahadevan, CIO of Dubai Investments, Amol Pai, CTO of State Bank of India, Pankaj Kankar, CIO of AJIO Fashion & Lifestyle, Rohit Chatter, Chief Software Architect of Walmart, and Dipak Nair, CTO of Tata AIG.

After the invigorative sessions of the day, the eminent CIOs gathered to strategize and create the

New Technology Blueprint, which served as the foundation for the conference's overall theme.

The areas of discussion were:

1. Building a Tech Platform for Growth
2. Charting out an ESG Strategy
3. Creating Great Employee Experience
4. Discovering New Revenue Streams
5. Enhancing Customer Experience and Loyalty
6. Ensuring Business Resilience
7. Formulating a Winning Data Strategy
8. Improving Organizational Efficiency
9. Managing Security, Compliance & Cyber Risk
10. Transforming through Industry 4.0
11. Increasing Organisational Digital Quotient
12. From Tech Partners to Business Partners

The sponsored sessions on the second day included:

- Enhancing Application Security with DevSecOps
Speaker: Amol Raina, Senior ASE - India South Asia, Github Advance Security
- Redefining the Industry's Digital Future through Innovative Technologies & Practices
Speaker: Sanjay Bhutani, Senior Vice President, AdaniConneX
- Using Technology to Discover and Develop New Revenue Streams Moderator:
Speaker: Vasuki Kabada Srinath, Regional Director, AMD
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- Reimagining a Connected Platform.
Speaker: Venugopal Arcot,

Senior Director - Solution Consulting, ServiceNow

- Fireside Chat on Driving Performance & Innovation with Cloud.
Speakers: Deepak Kapoor, Executive VP & Head of Engineering, RateGain Travel Technologies; Ipseeta Aruni, Associate Vice President - Google Cloud BU, Persistent Systems; Abhishek Mahanty, Head of Partner Engineering, Google Cloud - India
- Empowering an Inclusive, Sustainable & Reliable Digital India by Sanjay Bhutani, Senior Vice President, AdaniConneX
- Keeping the "Lights On" vs Delivering Employee Delight by Dhivakaran Thamilchelvan, Regional Head, Freshworks
- Hyperscale Data Centres: The Future of India by Prasad Tilve, Head Strategy & Business Development, CapitaLand India, Data Centre Group
- Data Centers: The Digital Hub For Enterprises' Digital Lifecycle by Anand Singh, SVP & India Business Head, Web Werks Data Centers
- Managing and Optimizing a Hybrid Cloud Environment by Manish Balooja, Country Director - Presales, Micro Focus
- Bringing Order to Chaos - From Data to Decisions. Partner Speaker: Mehul Patel, Regional Director - India, Snowflake
- Role of AIOps & Intelligent Automation in Your Digital Transformation Journey by Freshworks. Partner Speaker: Prakash Bharath, Director - Freshworks (India & SAARC)
- Best Practices for Building a Data Strategy for a Common Data Environment by Autodesk. Partner Speakers: Parminder Singh, Country Head - Design & Manufacturing and Media & Entertainment - India, Autodesk;



Veera Pandian, Technical Sales Leader, Design & Manufacturing - India & SAARC, Autodesk

- Modernize your IT infrastructure for Digital Business, Tata Communications. Partner Speaker: Hari Nair, VP & Head of Global Solutions, Tata Communications

The panel discussions were held on topics:

- Hyperscale Data Centres - Enhancing Business Resilience (Partner: CapitaLand)
- Future of Work (Partner: Google Cloud and Persistent Systems)
- Advanced Analytics at Scale across the Enterprise (Partner: Google Cloud and Persistent Systems)
- Architecting Enterprise Infrastructure for Agility, Scalability and Speed by AMD
- Hybrid Cloud Platform that Scales with Business Growth

(Partner: Web Werks Data Centers)

- Next Phase of Digital Transformation with the Power of Analytics, AI and ML (Partner: Freshworks)

The editorial roundtable sessions conducted during the day were:

- Managing the Expectations of the Millennial Customer in a Regulated Industry, moderated by Sanjay Narkar, Ex-CIO, IDBI Bank
- Building Tech Leadership Talent, moderated by Vinod Bhat, CIO, Tata SIA Airlines
- The New Blueprint for Transformation of PSUs, moderated by Deepak Agarwal, former ED, IOCL

Distinguished CIOs took part in each session and shared their sharp perspectives on the challenges and topics at hand. Following a

thought-provoking workshop and a full day of brainstorming, the Next 100 award ceremony was conducted to recognise the Next 100 winners.

HONOURING THE VETERAN CIOs

Indian Classical Singer, Fareed Hasan, started the third and final day with a soulful music performance.

CIO&Leader Samman was one of the day's main highlights. Nine veteran CIOs were facilitated with CIO&Leader Samman, a unique honor CIO&Leader confers on veteran CIOs every year to acknowledge them for their contribution.

The New Blueprint presentations by illustrious CIOs on behalf of their groups, which had discussed the assigned themes the day before, marked the end of the day.



DAY I: FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST, 2022 AS THE DAY UNFOLDED...



Delegates @ Registration desk

As the registration desk fills up, we become more and more enthusiastic and delegates enjoying welcome refreshments and food



↑ **Welcome note**

Vikas Gupta, Publisher and Director, CIO&Leader, 9.9 Group welcoming the delegates



↑ **The New Blueprint: A CEO Perspective**

Sanjiv Puri, Chairman & Managing Director, ITC Ltd in a conversation with R Giridhar, Group Editor, 9.9 Group



↑ All revved up

CIOs during the interactive Speed Dating, a get-to-know-you conversation session, with their peers



↑ Talk that matters

Nirdesh Chahal, Business Head - International, Persistent Systems delivers the opening talk of the conference on The Transformation Cloud



↑ **New perspectives**

Keynote session by **Kamal Nath, CEO, Sify Technologies** and **Nilotpal Dutta, Director - GreenLake Cloud Services, HPE India** outlining practical solutions for recalibrating your cloud strategy.



↑ **Our Change Manager**

R Girdhar, Group Editor, CIO&Leader, 9.9 Group, moderating the conference



➤ During the tea break, participants network with one another.



←
**A Digital-first
Leader's Vision**

In his keynote address, **Asian Paints Vice Chairman Manish Choksi** discussed why the future depends on the implementation of technology-based business models.



↑ Multi-Cloud on Your Terms

In a conversation with **Sachin Mhashilkar, Executive Director, 9.9 Group**; **Ramesh Repaka, Advisory Systems Engineer, Dell Technologies** discussed the most effective methods for implementing multi-cloud in business ecosystems.



↑ Leveraging Open-Source Communities to Drive Accelerated Software Delivery

Github's thought-provoking Wine and Cheese session, moderated by **R Giridhar, Group Editor, 9.9 Group**





↑ Transforming Security Operations - From Insights to Response

Google Cloud and Persistent Systems' engaging roundtable discussion on why security operations teams need to have quicker detection and reaction. The session was moderated by **Sachin Mhashilkar, Executive Director, 9.9 Group**



↑ A deep-dive cloud conversation

Sify and HPE's fascinating Wine and Cheese session on "Recalibrate your cloud approach" moderated by **Shyamanuja Das, Editorial Director - Enterprise Tech, 9.9 Group**





↑ Bringing Order to Chaos - From Data to Decisions

Snowflake's Wine & Cheese session, moderated by **Jatinder Singh, Associate Editor - Enterprise Tech, 9.9 Group**



← Just for fun

To keep the mood light during the sessions, lucky draws were made, and some people were fortunate enough to win!



Delegates and CIOs embark on a fun and unique dining experience at Fisherman's Wharf. The dinner was hosted by Dell Technologies & Ingram Micro.



DAY 2: SATURDAY, 27 AUGUST, 2022 POWER-PACKED SESSIONS



↑ Security matters

Github's Breakfast session on 'Enhancing Application Security with DevSecOps' moderated by **R Giridhar, Group Editor, 9.9 Group**
Partner Speaker: **Amol Raina, Senior ASE - India South Asia, Github Advance Security**



↑ A closer look into the digital future

AdaniConneX's Breakfast session on 'Redefining the Industry's Digital Future through Innovative Technologies & Practices', moderated by **Sachin Mhashilkar, Executive Director - B2B Tech, 9.9 Group.**



↑ **Creating a new revenue stream**

AMD's session on 'Using Technology to Discover and Develop New Revenue Streams' moderated by **Shyamanuja Das**, Editorial Director - Enterprise Technology, 9.9 Group.



↑ **Reinventing customer experience**

Service Now's session on Reimagining a Connected Platform, moderated by **Jatinder Singh**, Associate Editor - Enterprise Tech, 9.9 Group





➤ A cafe with a difference

Participants at Ideas Cafe foster and share their collective ideas to generate opportunities and sector-specific digital solutions via engaging talks.





↑ Driving Performance & Innovation with Cloud

In a fireside chat, moderated by **R Giridhar, Group Editor, 9.9 Group**, **Abhishek Mahanty, Head of Partner Engineering, Google Cloud - India**, **Deepak Kapoor, Executive VP & Head of Engineering, RateGain Travel Technologies** and **Ipseeta Aruni, Associate Vice President - Google Cloud BU, Persistent Systems** discussed the best ways to drive performance & innovation with cloud



↑ Building a Digital Vision

The Jio Perspective - **Anish Shah, President & CIO of Jio Platforms**, and **Kiran Thomas, President & CEO of Jio Platforms**, gave an insightful keynote address on the necessity for businesses to have a digital vision to deliver exceptional customer experience.



↑ **Empowering an Inclusive, Sustainable & Reliable Digital India**
 An interesting talk by **Sanjay Bhutani, Senior Vice President, AdaniConneX**



↑ **Keeping the "Lights On" vs. Delivering Employee Delight**
Dhivakaran Thamichelvan, Regional Head, Freshworks, discussed how IT professionals can move from being "tech leaders" to changemakers who give a sustainable competitive edge for their business.



↑ Delegates during the session breaks
Networking and food make a good match



↑ Hyperscale Data Centres - Enhancing Business Resilience

An engaging panel discussion conducted by **Shyamanuja Das, Editorial Director - Enterprise Technology, 9.9 Group**
 Panelists (Left-right): **Ekhlaque Ahmad Bari, CIO, Jubilant FoodWorks; Ashok Jade, Group CIO, Spark Minda; Prasad Tilve, Head Strategy & Business Development, CapitaLand India; and Ananth Subramanian, EVP & Head - IT, Kotak Mutual Fund**



↑ Hyperscale Data Centres: The Future of India

Partner talk by **Prasad Tilve, Head Strategy & Business Development, CapitaLand India, Data Centre Group**



←
CIO Talk
by Ekhlaj Bari, CIO,
Jubilant FoodWorks



↑ **Architecting Enterprise Infrastructure for Agility, Scalability & Speed**

Panel discussion moderated by **Shyamanuja Das**, Editorial Director - Enterprise Technology, 9.9 Group
Panelists (Left-right): **Mohan Bhiku Malage**, Head - IT, Yes Bank; **Sendil kumar Venkatesan**, CTO, Shriram Capital;
Ajay Koul, Regional Director, AMD; **Chetan Trivedi**, CIO, Hindustan Zinc



↑ Scaling @ Speed

by Pankaj Kankar, CIO, AJIO Fashion & Lifestyle



↑ Technology Professionals on the Best Methods for Developing Tech Leadership Talent

Panel discussion moderated by Vinod Bhat, CIO of Tata SIA Airlines. Panelists (L-R): Sanjay Prasad, CIO, RP-SG CESC Power Group; Harnath Babu, CIO, KPMG India and Pankaj Kankar, CIO, AJIO Fashion & Lifestyle

TRACK 2: CARNIVAL



↑ Future of Work

A thought provoking panel discussion moderated by **R Girdhar, Group Editor, 9.9 Group.**

Panelists (Left-right): **LB Sharma, GM - IT, BPCL; Atanu Kr. Pramanic, Joint President & CIO, Hindalco Industries; Sujata Dusi, Lead Customer Engineer - Google Workspace & Google Cloud, Google Cloud; Rajneesh Sharma, Google Workspace Business Head, Persistent Systems; Ashish Desai, CIO - Textiles Business, Aditya Birla Group; Dinesh Talniya, CIO, APL Apollo Tubes**



↑ Data Centers: The Digital Hub For Enterprises' Digital Lifecycle

Partner talk by **Anand Singh, SVP & India Business Head, Web Werks Data Centers**



←
CIO Talk

by Venkatesh Mahadevan, CIO, Dubai Investments



↑ **Hybrid Cloud Platform that Scales with Business Growth**

Panel discussion moderated by R Giridhar, Group Editor, 9.9 Group. Panelists (Left-right): Ajay Rambal, Head - IT, LG Electronics India; Manish Grover, Executive Director (Strategic IS & IS), IOCL; Suresh Kumar, Partner & CIO, Grant Thornton; Ashish Sharma, Strategic Head - Special Projects, Web Werks Data Centers



↑ CIO Talk

by Rohit Chatter, Chief Software Architect, Walmart



↑ The New Blueprint for Transformation of PSUs

The session was moderated by IOCL's former ED Deepak Agarwal
Panelists (Left-right): Manish Grover, ED - Strategic IS, IOCL; Peethambaran Thankappan, ED - IS BPCL and Akhil Raizada, GM - IT, NTPC



↑ Advanced Analytics at Scale Across the Enterprise

An invigorating panel discussion moderated by **Jatinder Singh, Associate Editor - Enterprise Tech, 9.9 Group**
 Panelists (Left-right): **Ipseeta Aruni, Associate Vice President - Google Cloud BU, Persistent Systems**; **Rohit Chatter, Chief Software Architect, Walmart Global Tech**; **Gaurav Bagga - SVP Head of Engineering & Product, Pristyn Care**; **Deepak Bhosale, GM - IT, Asian Paints**; **Neeraj Chandramohan Vetkar, GM - IT, Avenue Ecommerce (DMart Group)**; **Pankaj Kankar, CTPO - AJIO Fashion & Lifestyle, Reliance Retail**; **Rajeev Batra, CIO, Bennett, Coleman & Co** and **Abhishek Mahanty, Head of Partner Engineering, Google Cloud - India**



↑ Managing and Optimizing a Hybrid Cloud Environment

Partner talk by **Manish Balooja, Country Director - Presales, Micro Focus**



←
CIO Talk
by Amol Pai, CTO,
State Bank of India



↑ **Managing the Expectations of the Millennial Customer in a Regulated Industry**

Panel discussion moderated by **Sanjay Narkar, Ex-CIO, IDBI Bank**

Panelists (Left-right): **Kirti Patil, Joint President - IT & CTO, Kotak Life Insurance Company; Amol Pai, CTO, State Bank of India; Byju M Joseph, CTO, Future Generali India Life Insurance and Dipak Nair, CTO, Tata AIG**



↑ CIO Talk

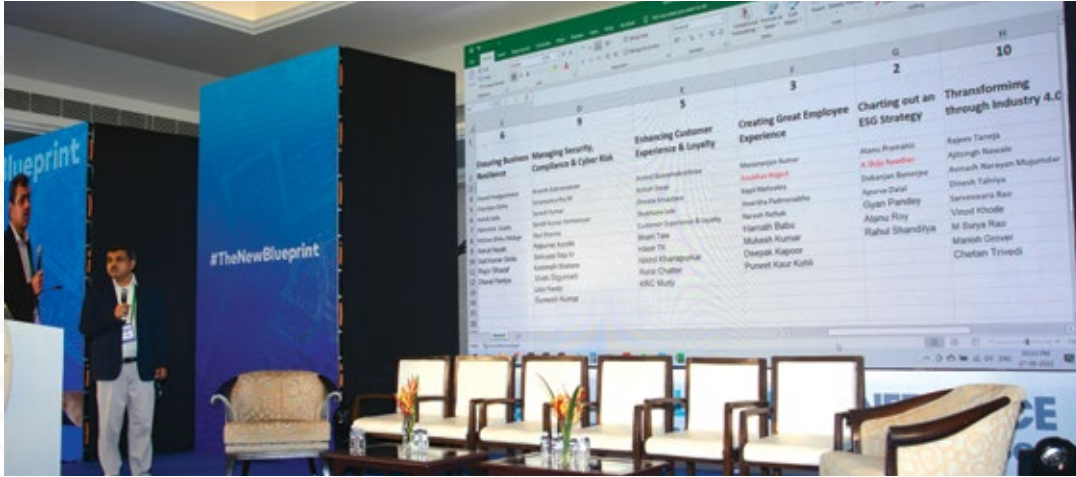
by Dipak Nair, CTO, Tata AIG



↑ Next Phase of Digital Transformation with the Power of Analytics, AI & ML

Panel discussion moderated by **Jatinder Singh**, Associate Editor - Enterprise Tech, 9.9 Group.

Panelists (Left-right): **Debanjan Banerjee**, CIO, Pernod Ricard India; **Dhaval Vinod Pandya**, Corporate CIO, Piramal Enterprises; **Dr. Avadhut Chandrakant Parab**, CIO, Parle Agro; **Anand Hadgaonkar**, CIO - Asia, Whirlpool Corporation; and **Vandana Tanna**, Regional Head, Freshworks



← **Explaining the rules of the game**
Shyamanuja Das,
Editorial Director,
Enterprise Tech, 9.9
Group, facilitating
The New Blueprint
discussions.



↑ **The New Blueprint**

CIOs delving deeper on the actionable recommendations for the CEOs to do the right technology interventions to transform their businesses.





↑ Bringing Order to Chaos - From Data to Decisions

Snowflake's Wine & Cheese session, moderated by **Jatinder Singh, Associate Editor - Enterprise Tech, 9.9 Group**



↑ Role of AIOps & Intelligent Automation in Your Digital Transformation Journey

Freshworks' Wine & Cheese session, moderated by **Shyamanuja Das, Editorial Director - Enterprise Technology, 9.9 Group**



↑ **Best Practices for Building a Data Strategy for a Common Data Environment**

Autodesk's Wine & Cheese session, moderated by **R Giridhar, Group Editor, 9.9 Group**



↑ **Modernize your IT Infrastructure for Digital Business**

Tata Communications' Wine & Cheese session, moderated by **Sachin Mhashilkar, Executive Director- B2B Tech, 9.9 Group.**



↑ NEXT100 Award Winners

Cover Story

Time to unwind

The delegates grooving to the Leslee Lewis's scintillating performance







DAY 3: SUNDAY, 28 AUGUST, 2022 END ON A HIGH NOTE



↑ Stage is set for the third and final day of the conference

The first item on agenda reflects the mood of the day: a classical music performance



↑ **Fareed Hassan of Dilli Gharana** creates the right ambience and mood for the morning. Starting with Ganesh Vandana, he keeps the audience hooked with performance of bandish from his gharana, popular thumris and his own iconic song, Garaj Garaj



↑ **True rasikas**
The enthralled audience

4TH CIO&LEADER SAMMAN: FELICITATION CEREMONY



↑ The felicitation ceremony of **4th CIO&LEADER Samman** recipients starts with an introduction to the program and process of selection by **Shyamanuja Das, Editorial Director, CIO&LEADER**



↑ **Deepak Agarwal, former ED - IS at Indian Oil** and member of the 4th CIO&LEADER Samman jury panel shares his experiences with the selection process



↑ Jury member **Deepak Agarwal** felicitating **Dinesh Talniya, CIO, APL Apollo Tubes**. Recipient Dinesh Talniya responds to the Samman (INSET)



↑ Jury member **Deepak Agarwal** honoring **Edsel Pereira, Group Vice President - IT, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals**. Recipient Edsel Pereira shares a few words after receiving the Samman (INSET)



↑ Vikas Gupta, Publisher, CIO&LEADER and co-founder, 9.9 Group, honoring Kirti Patil, Joint President - IT & CTO, Kotak Life with the Samman. Kirti Patil, recipient of the 4th CIO&LEADER Samman thanks the jury and the community (INSET)



↑ Vikas Gupta, publisher, CIO&LEADER and co-founder, 9.9 Group, handing over the CIO&LEADER Samman citation and shawl to Liton Nandy, Executive Director - IS, Indian Oil Corporation. Liton Nandy shares his gratitude with the jury and the community after receiving CIO&Leader Samman (INSET)



↑ R Giridhar, Group Editor, CIO&LEADER feliciating Rajiv Sharaf, Head - IT, Torrent Power with the Samman. Rajiv Sharaf addressing the delegates after receiving the Samman (INSET)



↑ Shyamanuja Das, Editorial Director, CIO&LEADER, feliciating Jury member Deepak Agarwal



↑ **The recipients of Samman with jury member and organizers**

L-R: Shyamanuja Das, R Giridhar, Rajiv Sharaf, Liton Nandy, Dinesh Talniya, Deepak Agarwal, Kirti Patil, Edsel Pereira, and Vikas Gupta. Jury members Dr Prashun Dutta and Vijay Sethi and recipients, CK Prasad, Kersi Tavadia Rajeev Pradhan, Sanjay Gupta were not present



↑ **A full house to honour the Samman recipients**



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↑ Building a Tech Platform for Growth

The committee recommendations presented by **Gaurav Bagga (Pristyn Care)**. The other members of the advisory committee were **Arvind Koul (UNO Minda)**, **Hemant Misra (Swiggy)**, **L B Sharma (BPCL)**, **Nagarajan Vaidyanathan (Britannia Industries)**, **Shailesh Tripathi (HUDCO)**, and **Venugopalam Medicherla (MSPL)**



↑ Charting out an ESG Strategy

The recommendations being presented by **Satyanarayan Singh (Nayara Energy)**. Other members of the team included **Sanjay Narkar (Finarya Tech)**, **Sridhar D (Karur Vaishysa Bank)**, **Apurva Dalal (Adani Green Energy)**, **Debanjan Banerjee (Pernod Ricard India)** and **Atanu Pramanic (Hindalco Industries)**



↑ Creating a Great Employee Experience

CIO recommendations being presented by **Kapil Mehrotra (NCML)**. Other members of the team included **Harnath Babu (KPMG)**, **Manoranjan Kumar (Shree Cements)**, **Mukesh Kumar (BYJU'S)**, **Anantha Padmanabha (Karnataka Bank)**; **Naresh Kumar Pathak (GR Infraprojects)** and **Byju Joseph (Future Generalli India Life Insurance)**



↑ Discovering New Revenue Streams

CIO committee recommendations being presented by **Deepak Bhosle (Asian Paints)**. Other members of the committee included **Kopal Sarin Raj (Wabtec)**, **Kirti Patil (Kotak Life Insurance)**, **Ajay Rambal (LG India)**, **Bhalchandra Ghanekar (Angel Brokig)**, **Rajeev Batra (BCCL)** and **Mahesh Korla (Axis Bank)**



↑ Enhancing Customer Experience & Loyalty

Recommendations of the CIO committee being presented by **Bhakti Tare (L&T)**. Other members of the committee were **Rohit Chatter (Walmart)**, **Shobhana Lele (Bombay Dyeing)**, **Ashish Desai (Grasim)**, **Nikhil Khanapurkar (HDFC Bank)**



↑ Ensuring Business Resilience

Strategies suggested by the CIOs being presented **Mohan Malage (Yes Bank)**. Others in the group were **Abhishek Gupta (Dish TV)**, **Ashok Jade (Spark Minda)**, **Dhaval Pandya (Piramal Enterprise)**, **Sujit Sinha (FIAT India)**, **Anand Hadgaonkar (Whirlpool)**, **Chandan Sinha (Jindal Saw)**, **Ashok Nayak (IPCA)** and **Rajiv Sharaf (Torrent Power)**



↑ Formulating a winning data strategy

Recommendations being presented on behalf of the CIO committee by **Pankaj Kankar (AJIO Fashion & Lifestyle - Reliance)**. Other members of the group included **Vinod Bhat (TATA SIA - Vistara)**, **Durgaprasad Swaminathan (Cholamandalam Investment & Finance)**, **Sunil Mehta (WPP Asia)**, **Subodh Dubey (Suzlon Energy)**



↑ Improving Organisational Efficiency

CIO recommendations being presented by **Sivasubramanian M (VA Tech Wabag)**. Other committee members were **Jitendra Mishra (Akums Drugs & Pharma)**, **Rajeev Mittal (Endurance Technologies)**, **Paresh Goswami (Suzuki Motors Gujarat)**, **Meheriar Patel (Jeena & Company)**, **Puneesh Lamba (Shahi Exports)**, **Neeraj Vetkar (Avenue e-Commerce)**, **Amit Pradhan (Dixon Technologies)**, **Sanjay Prasad (RP-SG CESC Power)**



↑ **Managing Security, Compliance and Cyber Security**

CIO recommended strategies being presented by **Rajkumar Ayyella (KEC)**. Other team members included **Ananth Subramanian (Kotak Mutual Fund)**, **Sendil kumar Venkatesan (Shriram Finance)**, **Vivek Digumarti (Laurus Labs)**, **MS Raju (Shriram Life Insurance)**, **Sumesh Kumar (DBS Bank)**, **Suresh kumar (Grant Thornton)**, **Ravi Sharma (Wanbury)**, **Liton Nandy (Indian Oil)**, **Kashinath Shahane (Visteon)**



↑ **Transforming through Industry 4.0**

Recommendations being presented by **Vinod Khode (Varroc Engineering)**. The team members included **Manish Grover (Indian Oil)**, **Ajitsingh Nawale (Mahindra CIE Automotive)**, **Dinesh Talniya (APL Apollo Tubes)**, **Rajeev Taneja (Honda Motorcycles)**, **M Surya Rao (Jindal Power)**, **Sarveswara Rao Devana (Mobis India)**, **Chetan Trivedi (Hindustan Zinc)**



↑ Increasing Organizational Digital Quotient

CIO recommended strategies being presented by **Neeti Wahi (Sterlite Power)** and **Sandesh Rane (Mahindra & Mahindra)**. Other group members were Vasudevan **Vimalan (EID PARRY)**, **Akhil Raizada (NTPC)**, **Ramkumar Mohan (Air Works Engineering)**, **Vinod Krishnan (Indus Towers)**, **Mayuresh Purandare (Marico)**, and **Avdhut Parab (Parle Agro)**



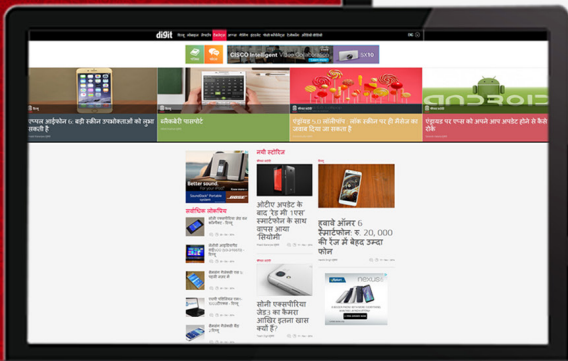
↑ From tech partners to business partners

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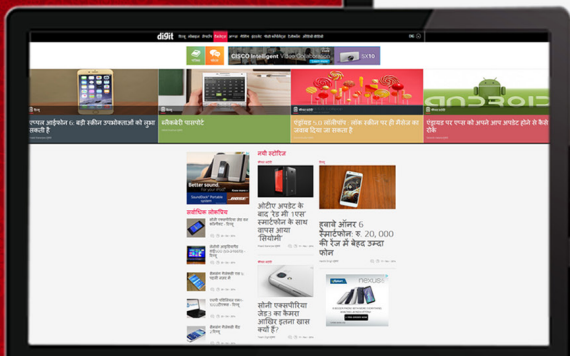
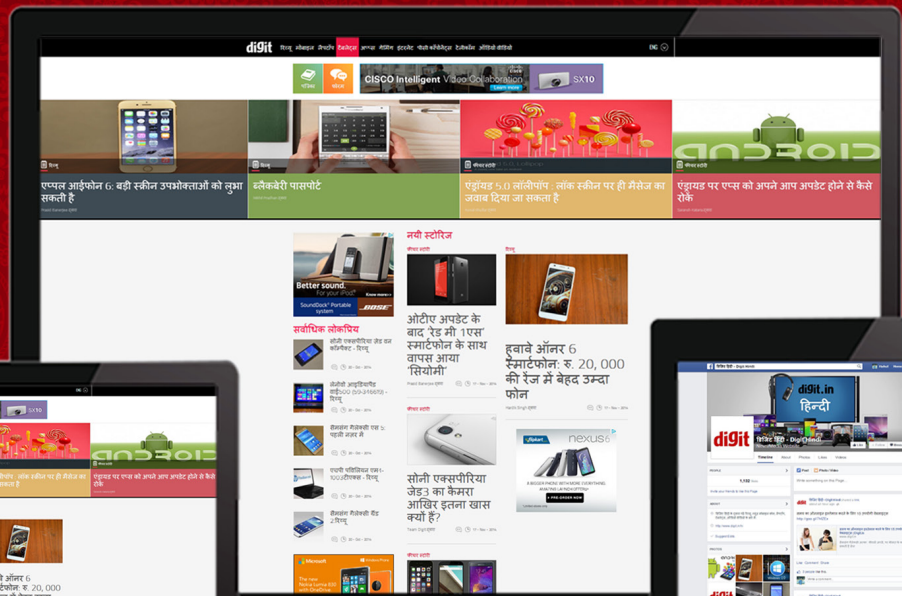


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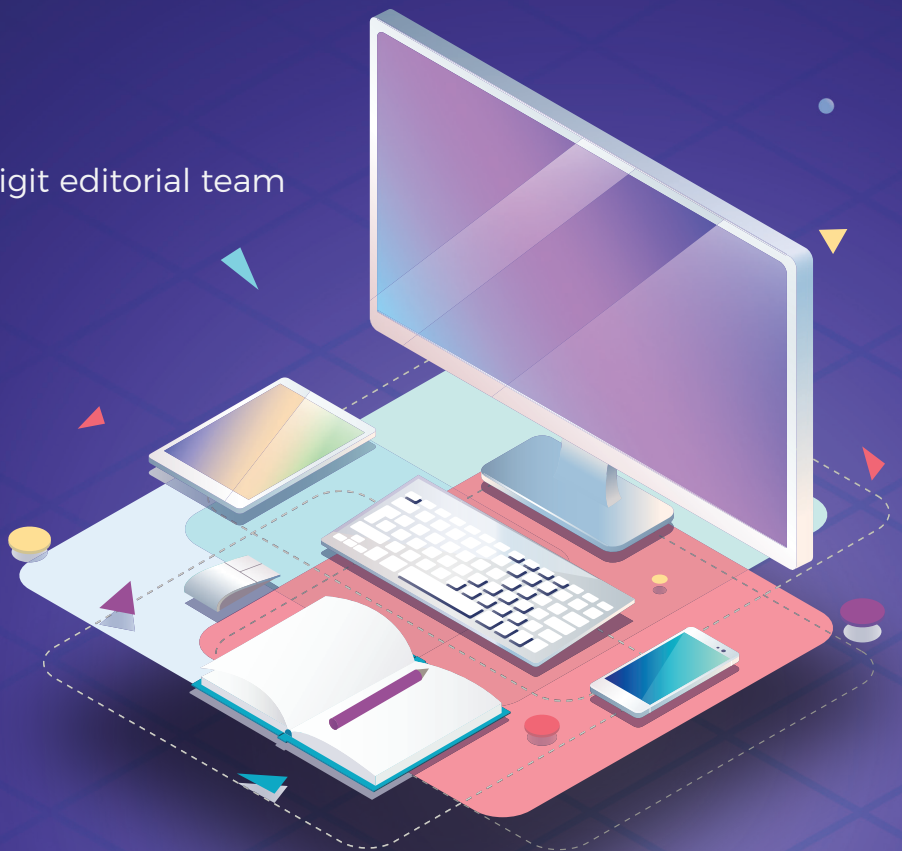


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