

Inaugural Keynote Speaker: **Lakshmi Narayanan**



Lakshmi Narayanan is the vice chairman and ex-CEO of Cognizant Technology Solutions (CTS), where he served as the CEO and president until 2006.

Lakshmi Narayanan has played a leading role in the global information technology industry for more than 25 years, managing divisions and business units in Europe, India and the United States. Since joining Cognizant Technologies in 1994, he has been instrumental in formulating the company's strategy and building and managing the organization's development centers in India, where he is based. A member of Cognizant's Board of Directors, Lakshmi Narayanan spends time traveling extensively in the U.S. and Europe to meet clients.

He has recently been elected the Chairman of NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Service Companies).

Lakshmi Narayanan began his career at Tata Consultancy Services, growing through the ranks from developer, to technologist, to program manager, to business leader. He was a regional head of Tata in India when he joined Cognizant as CTO. He holds a BS and MS in science and electronics from Bangalore University and an MBA from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Closing Keynote Speaker: Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala



Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala is Professor of the Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai where he was department Chair until recently. He received his B.Tech degree from IIT, Kanpur, and his MS and Ph.D degrees from the University of Maine. From 1979 to 1981, he was with Washington State University as Assistant Professor. Since 1981, he has been teaching at IIT, Madras.

Dr. Jhunjunwala leads the Telecommunications and Computer Networks group (TeNeT) at IIT Madras. This group is closely working with industry in the development of telecommunications and computer network systems. TeNeT group has incubated several technology companies which work in partnership with TeNeT group to develop world-class telecom and banking products for rural markets.

Dr. Jhunjunwala was awarded Padma Shri in the year 2002. He was awarded Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award in 1998, the Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Research Award for the year 1997, the Millennium Medal at Indian Science Congress in the year 2000 and H. K. Firodia for "Excellence in Science & Technology" for the year 2002, Shri Om Prakash Bhasin Foundation Award for Science & Technology for the year 2004, the Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Centenary Lecture Award by INSA for the year 2006 and IBM Innovation and Leadership Forum Award by IBM for the year 2006. He is a Fellow of INAE, IAS, INSA and NAS.

Dr. Jhunjunwala is a Director in the Board of SBI. He is also a Board member of several companies in India, including TTML, BEL, Polaris, 3i Infotech, Sasken, Tejas, NRDC, and IDRBT. He is member of Prime Minister's Setup Scientific Advisory Committee.