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on Wednesday, 16 September 2026 at 10.00 a.m.
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**at Ball room, Taj West End, 25, Race Course Road,
High Grounds, Bengaluru-560001**

**Opening of Curtain Raiser to the International Tax Conference
and Interactive Session
with Honourable Finance Minister**

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NEW AGE TAXATION

Smt. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN
Honourable Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs,
Government of India



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on 18 - 19 September, 2026
at Taj Vivanta, MG Road, Bangalore,
Trinity Hall.



ITRAF

INTERNATIONAL TAX RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS FOUNDATION

EIGHTH TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL TAX CONFERENCE

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ABOUT ITRAF

ITRAF is an “Exclusive Think Tank” forum for tax policy research and analysis focussed on international tax matters. Founded in 2015, it holds round tables, seminars and conferences, and publishes research volumes. The link for ITRAF Website is <https://www.itraf.org>

ITRAF undertakes extensive economic and legal studies on the tax structure, its rules and regulations. It has, among other aspects, examined:

- The state of India’s tax policy structure.
- Technology change and changing business models.
- Enhancing global competitiveness in the environment of Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS).
- Taxation matters such as GAAR, POEM, taxpayer rights and charters, and charitable organisations.
- Emerging issues in digital economy taxation.
- Tax administration and governance in litigation, arbitration, faceless assessment, and others.
- Implementation of emerging and progressive tax regimes including the Goods and Services Tax.

ITRAF has published seven volumes on international taxation challenges. ITRAF Members and external researchers—professionals comprising accountants, economists, lawyers, academicians—have contributed to its volumes. The volumes, listed in the website www.itraf.org, are:

- Insights into Evolving Issues of Taxation: Existing and Continuing Challenges, Wolters Kluwer, Gurugram, 2016.
- Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS): The Global Taxation Agenda, Wolters Kluwer, Gurugram, 2016.
- Challenges in Domestic and International Taxation: Emerging Indian Experience, with a Foreword by Philip Baker, QC, Oak Bridge Publishers, Gurugram, and Tax Sutra, Pune, 2018.
- International Taxation in the Digital Era, with a Foreword by Professor Judith Freedman, Oxford University, Oak Bridge Publishers, Gurugram, 2020.
- Reimagining International Taxation, with a Foreword by Leandro M. Passarella and María Celina Valls, Oak Bridge Publishers, Gurugram, 2021.
- Prevailing and Emerging Dilemmas in International Taxation, with Foreword by Mr. Vito Tanzi, Oak Bridge Publishers, Gurugram, 2022.
- New Range & Orthodox Concerns in INTERNATIONAL TAXATION with Foreword by Johann Hattingh, Valedictory by Mr. Vito Tanzi, Oak Bridge Publishers, Gurugram, 2023.

In addition, three ITRAF Members have published books on the

Investing in Indian & Foreign Start – Up Companies by S. Krishnan

Tax Consolidation by P. V. Srinivasan with a foreword by Azim Premji

Digital Economy & Direct Taxation and Capital Taxation by K. R. Sekar, with a foreword by Dr. Parthasarathi Shome

A critical mass of researchers and authors are making ITRAF’s research efforts successful and are supportive in its efforts to convey the findings widely across the profession.

ITRAF has engaged with international entities to hold conferences and dialogues. It held a one-day conference with the Forum for Economic and Fiscal Policy (FEFP), The Hague, on 26 October, 2018. It organised a complete panel of tax experts at a conference of the Chartered Institute of Taxation’s (CIOT) Advanced Diploma of International Taxation (ADIT), London, on 13 September, 2019. It held a conference at Department of Law, Tax Programme, London School of Economics, at the launching of its fourth volume, on 13 March, 2020. The Chairman makes particular efforts to make ITRAF globally recognisable with international participation in its research and conferencing activities.

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About Hon'ble Finance Minister

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister, Government of India, is an Indian economist and politician who is serving as the 30th Minister of Finance and 32nd Minister of Corporate Affairs since 2019. She previously served as the Minister of Defence from 2017 to 2019. A member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), she was elected as a member of the Rajya Sabha, the upper house of the Indian Parliament, from Karnataka in July 2016.

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AGENDA

DAY 1

Friday, 18th September, 09:30 a.m. - 06:30 p. m. Indian Standard Time (IST)

Sl No.	Topic	Speaker/Author	Session (AM IST)
1.	Introduction	Shri. Padamchand Khincha Vice Chairman, ITRAF Partner, H C Khincha & Associates, India	9.30-9.40
2.	The challenges of Law and Judiciary in enforcing Sourcing Principle in New Age Business	Honourable Justice Dr. Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud Former Chief Justice of India	9.40-10.10
	Chair	Dr. Parthasarathi Shome - Former Chairman Tax Administrative Reforms Commission Founder Chairman, ITRAF	10.10-10.20
	Closing Comments & Open house		10.20-10.30
3.	Nexus Principle- Effectiveness of SEP and Virtual PE		
	Opening Remarks Chairman	Honourable Justice Shri. N Kumar Retired Judge Karnataka High Court	10.30-10.45
	Speaker	Shri. K K Chythanya , Senior Advocate Bangalore	10.45-11.10
	Closing Remarks & Q&A	Honourable Justice Shri. N Kumar Retired Judge Karnataka High Court	11.10-11.20
TEA BREAK-11.20 -11.30 AM			
4.	Do we need a change in Tax System for Taxation on AI/Robotics		
	Opening Remarks	Shri. P V Srinivasan (Chair) Corporate Advisor, PVS Advisors, India	11.30-11.40
	Speaker	Shri. Aditya Vora LLM (LSE), Chartered Accountant (ICAEW) and Tax Adviser (CIOT) Advocate, Chambers of Porus F Kaka	11.40-12.00
	Expert Speak	Shri. Akhilesh Ranjan - Former Member Central Board of Direct Taxes	12.00-12.20
	Closing Remarks & Q&A	Shri. P V Srinivasan (Chair) Corporate Advisor, PVS Advisors, India	12.20-12.30
5.	PE in New Age Business- Necessity of Equipment and Human Intervention-Special Session		
	Opening Remarks Chairman	Shri. S Krishnan International Tax Consultant	12.30-12.40

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	Speaker	Shri. K. Balasubramanian Joint Secretary- Tax Policy Research Unit and Revenue, Ministry of Finance	12.40-01.15
	Closing Remarks & Q&A	Shri. S Krishnan International Tax Consultant	01.15-01.30
LUNCH BREAK-1.30 -02.15 PM			
6.	Gig Economy and Platform Workers and Global Mobility – Challenges on Withholding, Social Security and PE Risks		
	Opening Remarks	Shri. Indraneel Roy Choudhury - Retired Partner, PW & Co LLP	02.15-02.25
	Speaker	Shri. Anish Thacker - Partner, SRBC Associates	02.25-02.55
	Closing Remarks & Q&A	Shri. Indraneel Roy Choudhury - Retired Partner, PW & Co LLP	02.55-03.10
TEA BREAK-03.10 -03.30 PM			
7.	Virtual Businesses – Taxing the Metaverse, NFTs and Cryptocurrency Transactions		
	Opening Remarks	Shri. K. R. Girish Founder, K. R. Girish Associates, India	03.30-03.40
	Speaker	Shri. Sriram Ranganathan Senior Vice President Taxation and Finance- Wipro Limited	03.40-04.10
	Expert Speak	Shri. Raman Chopra - Chief Commissioner of International Tax- North-Delhi	04.10-04.20
	Closing Remarks & Q&A	Shri. K. R. Girish Founder, K. R. Girish Associates, India	04.20-04.30
8.	Panel Discussion	Shri. PVSS Prasad Partner, Prasad & Prasad CAs, India Shri. Nigam Nuggehalli Department of Revenue, Chair Professor of Law, NLSIU, India Shri. Akhilesh Ranjan - Former Member Central Board of Direct Taxes	04.30-05.30
	Moderator	Shri. Sachin Sastakar Consulting Editor - Tax sutra	
9.	Special Session: Business Economy and Taxation- Mutual Coexistence - What India should do	Shri. T. V. Mohandas Pai Chairman, Manipal Global Education Services (MaGE), India	05.30-06.30

DAY 2

Saturday, 19th September, 09:00 a.m. - 05:30 p. m. Indian Standard Time (IST)

Sl No.	Topic	Speaker/Author	Session (AM IST)
1.	Introduction & Opening Remarks	Shri. Sunil Kumar Dhareshwar Executive VP, Head-Global Tax, Infosys Limited	9.00-9.10
	Special Session Topic: Tax Legal and Moral Dilemma	Shri. N. Venkatraman Additional Solicitor General Government of India	9.10-9.40
	Closing Remarks & Q&A	Shri. Sunil Kumar Dhareshwar Executive VP, Head-Global Tax, Infosys Limited	9.40-9.55
2.	Global Capability Centres (GCCs) – Tax Structuring, Transfer Pricing and Substance Requirements - Policy Level Changes		
	Opening Remarks	Shri. K. Balasubramanian Joint Secretary- Tax Policy Research Unit and Revenue, Ministry of Finance	10.00-10.20
	Speaker	Ms. Shika Gupta Former Head of Taxation- Hindustan Unilever Limited & Founder – Gravitax Advisors	10.20-10.50
	Closing Remarks & Q&A	Shri. K. Balasubramanian Joint Secretary- Tax Policy Research Unit and Revenue, Ministry of Finance	10.50-11.00
TEA BREAK-11.00 -11.15 AM			
3.	Goods versus Services – Classification Dilemmas in the Digital Economy		
	Opening Remarks	Shri. K. Balasubramanian Joint Secretary- Tax Policy Research Unit and Revenue Ministry of Finance	11.15-11.25
	Speaker	Shri. G. Shivadass - Senior Advocate	11.25-11.55
	Closing Remarks & Q&A	Shri. K. Balasubramanian Joint Secretary- Tax Policy Research Unit and Revenue, Ministry of Finance	11.55-12.15
4.	Sustainable Taxation and ESG Reporting in New-Age Businesses		
	Opening Remarks	Chairperson	12.15-12.25
	Speaker [Topic: ESG Reporting and Disclosure]	Shri. Bhargav Lankalapalli Lead Manager, Sustainability, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Hyderabad.	12.25-12.55
	Speaker [Topic - Sustainability in the New Age Taxation]	Shri. Aditya Hans Partner, Dhruva Advisors India Pvt. Ltd.	12.55-01.15

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	Closing Remarks & Q&A	Chairperson	01.15-01.30
LUNCH BREAK-1.30 -02.00 PM			
5.	Withholding Tax and EL- Is it the best way to overcome the loss of tax		
	Opening Remarks	Shri. Raman Chopra - Chief Commissioner of International Tax- North-Delhi	02.00-02.10
	Speaker	Shri. Yogesh Thar -Chartered Accountant, Partner, Bansil Mehta & Co-Chartered Accountants	02.10-02.40
	Closing Remarks & Q&A	Shri. Raman Chopra - Chief Commissioner of International Tax- North-Delhi	02.40-02.55
6.	Special Session		
	Opening Remarks	Dr. Parthasarathi Shome - Former Chairman- Tax Administrative Reforms Commission (TARC) and Founder Chairman, ITRAF	03.00-03.05
	Special Speaker	Shri V. Anantha Nageswaran Chief Economic Advisor-Government of India	03.05-03.25
	Closing Remarks & Q&A	Dr. Parthasarathi Shome - Former Chairman- Tax Administrative Reforms Commission (TARC) and Founder Chairman, ITRAF	03.25-03.40
TEA BREAK-03.40 -04.00 PM			
7.	Changing Face of Technology Risk and Expectations from Tax Function- CFO/Board Outlook	Shri. Suresh Senapathy Former CFO and Director Finance Wipro Limited, India and Board Member- Wipro Enterprises Limited and other Companies Shri. M.P. Vijay Kumar - Executive Director Sify Limited and Board Member of Mahindra & Mahindra Limited and other Companies Shri. M. V. Narasimham - CFO Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd.,	04.00-05.00
	Moderator	Shri. K R Sekar Partner Deloitte India	
	Conclusion and Summing up	Shri. K R Sekar Partner Deloitte India	05.00-05.15

SPEAKER PROFILES



Dr. Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud is a former Chief Justice Of India, who served as the 50th Chief Justice of India from 9 November 2022 to 10 November 2024. He was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of India in May 2016. He has also previously served as the chief justice of the Allahabad High Court from 2013 to 2016 and as a judge of the Bombay High Court from 2000 to 2013. He also served as the ex-officio Patron-in-Chief of the National Legal Services Authority and the de facto Chancellor of the National Law School of India University. The second child of India's longest-serving chief justice, Y. V. Chandrachud, he was educated at Delhi University and Harvard University and has practised as a lawyer for Sullivan & Cromwell and in the Bombay High Court. He has been part of benches that delivered landmark judgements such as the electoral bond scheme verdict, 2019 Supreme Court verdict on Ayodhya dispute, privacy verdict, decriminalisation of homosexuality, Sabarimala case, same-sex marriage case and on revocation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. He has visited the universities of Mumbai, Oklahoma, Harvard, Yale and others as a professor.



Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran is the 18th Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) to the Government of India, assuming office on January 28, 2022. An accomplished economist and academic, he holds a PGDM from IIM Ahmedabad and a PhD from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Before taking over as CEA, Nageswaran served as a part-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister from 2019 to 2021. His extensive professional background spans both global finance and academia. He has held senior macroeconomic research roles at institutions like Credit Suisse and Bank Julius Baer, and served as the Dean of the IFMR Graduate School of Business. Known for his insightful commentary, he also authored a prominent financial column for Mint for fifteen years. As CEA, he plays a pivotal role in shaping India's fiscal policies and authoring the annual Economic Survey.



Justice N. Kumar is a highly respected retired judge of the High Court of Karnataka with decades of experience in the Indian legal system. He is globally and nationally regarded for his depth of knowledge in Civil Jurisprudence, Arbitration, and Property Laws. Post-retirement, he remains a prominent voice in legal education, delivering exhaustive mastery lectures on procedural laws. Specializes in Civil Procedure, Property Rights, Commercial Contracts, and Constitutional Law. High-level expertise in domestic and international Arbitration and Mediation. Leadership in managing legal training academies and standardizing legal education. Actively conducts educational video lecture series on core statutes like the Transfer of Property Act and Civil Procedure Code for law students and professionals. Engages in public awareness campaigns concerning mental health and legal literacy alongside state health and legal service authorities



Dr. Parthasarathi Shome is Founder Chairman, ITRAF, Bengaluru and Member, Council of Eminent Persons, Tax Analysts, Tax Notes International, Washington DC. Earlier, he was Adviser (Minister of State) to the Indian Finance Minister, and chaired the Tax Administration Reform Commission (TARC). He served as Senior Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics. Before that, he was Chief Economist, UK Revenue and Customs; Chief of Tax Policy, IMF; and Professor, American University, Washington DC. He chaired India's Ninth and Tenth Five-Year Plan Task Forces on tax policy and administration. He received Brazil's highest civilian honour, Commander of the Order of the Southern Cross, for his contributions to Brazilian fiscal reform, and the Jeanne S. Mattersdorf Award of the National Tax Association of America as "an outstanding student in the field of taxation and public finance" for his Ph.D. thesis on the incidence of the corporation income tax. He is widely published and is invited to speak across the globe.



N. Venkataraman is a distinguished Senior Advocate and a current Additional Solicitor General (ASG) of India who represents the Central Government before the Supreme Court of India. First appointed to this prestigious post on June 30, 2020, his exceptional service earned him a consecutive three-year re-appointment in June 2026. He completed his law degree from Madurai Kamaraj University in 1987 and initiated his professional career in 1989 under the mentorship of the late Senior Advocate C. Natrajan, before transitioning to an independent practice in 2003. Displaying remarkable talent early on, the Madras High Court designated him as a Senior Advocate in 2006 when he was just 39 years old, making him one of the youngest to receive the honor. Venkataraman is widely recognized as one of the country's leading legal minds in direct and indirect taxation, constitutional matters, and commercial laws. Throughout his career, he has navigated high-stakes litigation across various high courts, tribunals, and regulatory bodies. As a trusted representative for the state, he has argued crucial and complex cases for the Indian Government, including the Tiger Global capital gains tax dispute involving the India-Mauritius treaty, the constitutional validity of the abrogation of Article 370, the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), and the Sabarimala temple entry case.

SPEAKER PROFILES



K Balasubramanian, a lateral entrant serving as Joint Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, this seasoned tax professional brings over 25 years of elite direct and indirect taxation expertise to public administration. Appointed in January 2022, he leads three critical divisions—the Tax Policy Research Unit, the State Taxes Unit, and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Cell—where he drives independent fiscal research for the CBDT and CBIC, manage multi-state GST compensation and IGST settlements, and serve on the key GST Law and Fitment Committee. His expansive portfolio also includes spearheading the setup of the GST Appellate Tribunal, operating as Member Secretary of the SIT for Black Money, and directing the project management office for India's high-stakes international FATF mutual evaluation process. This impactful government leadership is backed by an extensive private-sector background, including serving as the Global Head of Tax for a major Indian multinational conglomerate spanning 65 countries with six years of specialized experience in the United States. A highly respected industry voice, he previously shaped national trade and fiscal architecture as the Chairman of the BCIC Direct Taxation Committee, alongside senior committee roles at CII and NASSCOM, where he successfully led corporate delegations to advocate for structural policy changes.



Raman Chopra Chief Commissioner Income Tax, International Taxation, North Zone Presently responsible for supervision and tax administration with reference to issues relating to non-residents having any business connection in India or receiving any passive income taxable in the Indian jurisdiction. The jurisdiction spans over almost half India [Northern and Eastern Part]. Guidance and supervision relating to application of tax law comprising of the Domestic Law and the Treaty law flowing from DTAA's is the core function of the job. Also responsible for timely outreach for capacity building for easier and proper compliance by non-resident tax payers. Have worked as Joint Secretary (Tax Policy) in the Central Board of Direct Taxes, Department of Revenue from September 2021 to April 2025. Had a major role in the drafting of the Income-tax Act 2025. Contributed to the drafting, review, and formulation 10 Finance Bills, and presented tax policy proposals for the last 5 Finance Bills as Joint Secretary (Tax Policy). Key contributions include driving the voluntary compliance agenda through the implementation of the updated return and e-verification schemes. Instrumental in simplifying tax regimes for charitable entities and streamlining the tax administration in a digital ecosystem via legislation related to faceless and e-schemes. Played a significant role in formulating changes related to the taxation of virtual digital assets and online gaming.



Akhilesh Ranjan was a Member of the Central Board of Direct Taxes, Government of India in charge of tax policy, legislation and international taxation at the time of his retirement in December 2019. Having served in the Indian Revenue Service for 37 years, he has a rich experience of direct tax policy formulation and administration in India. He is credited with having been responsible for several path-breaking policy initiatives such as the Equalization Levy. He has served as the Competent Authority under India's tax treaties and has led India's participation in various forums at the OECD and other international tax organisations. He also functioned as the Chair of the Working Group on Tax Policy established by the G-24 group of developing nations. In August 2019 a Task Force headed by him submitted a comprehensive report on direct tax reform to the government. Several tax reforms introduced since 2019 are aligned with recommendations made by the Task Force. Post his retirement he worked briefly as Consultant to the OECD, rendering strategic advice and technical support to the OECD Centre for Tax Policy. Subsequently, he worked with PwC India as a Tax Policy Advisor till January, 2026. Mr Ranjan is widely recognised as an expert on tax policy and has been named several times by the International Tax Review in annual listings of tax leaders who have made a significant impact on tax policy at a global level.



T. V. Mohandas Pai is a Member of Governance Council, ITRAF. He is Chairman of Aarin Capital, and Chairman of Manipal Global Education Services (MaGE). Previously, he served as a Member of the Board and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at Infosys. He was voted 'CFO of the Year' multiple times and spearheaded the first listing of an India-registered company on NASDAQ. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2015 and the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award in 2004. He is a Fellow Member of ICAI.



Suresh Senapaty is a Member of Governance Council, ITRAF. He is a Member of the Board of Directors of Wipro Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. Suresh was Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Wipro Limited till his superannuation in March 2015. He is a member of SEBI's Committee on Disclosures & Accounting Standards (SCODA) and the National Advisory Committee on Accounting Standards. He was awarded "CFO of the Year" by IMA in association with American Express in 2002, Best CFO for IT /ITES sector by CNBC-TV 18 in 2003, and CFO Wall of Fame by 9dot9 MediaWorks in 2006. He is a frequent speaker at industry forums and writes regularly on economic & finance matters.

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H. Padamchand Khincha is the Vice Chairman of ITRAF. He is a partner in H C Khincha & Associates, Bangalore. He advises on tax structuring, due diligence, transfer pricing and compliance aspects. He has represented large corporates in high-profile cases before Income-tax tribunals and is associated with landmark decisions. He has deposed before several high-level government committees. He has many books and articles to his credit. He lectures on income tax issues, including at IIM, Bangalore, ICAI, and Direct Taxes Training Institute of the Income Tax Department. He is a 1982 Chartered Accountant securing 25th rank. He is a member of ICAI's Committee for preparing a paper on Income Computation and Disclosure Standards.



K. R. Girish is a Member of Governance Council, ITRAF and also is a member of Academic Board of Chartered Institute of Taxation London. Previously he was a Senior Tax Partner and National Head of Tax Litigation and Disputes resolution practice in KPMG. After 20 years, he took an entrepreneurial step and set up his own practice under K R Girish & Associates, specialising in direct tax and regulatory issues. He was a president of the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (2009-10) and continues to be Chairperson of the Finance Committee of the Chamber. He is fellow member of ICAI and an Associate member of the Australian Taxation Institute. He is a regular faculty member of ICAI Diploma in International Tax programme. He has Law degree from the Karnataka State Law University.



K. R. Sekar is a Director on the Board of ITRAF. He is a Tax Partner with Deloitte and leads Deloitte Private for Deloitte India. Sekar is the former President of Bangalore Chamber of Industry & Commerce (BCIC), and also works closely with other chambers. He has more than 30 years of experience in the field of direct taxes, mergers and acquisitions, international taxation and transfer pricing. His client portfolio includes leading companies in technology, media, telecommunications, manufacturing and engineering. Sekar's key areas of expertise include inbound structuring, litigation support and advising on cross border tax issues. He advises inbound global companies coming into India on entry strategy, inbound structuring and assists them on mitigating tax risks. He is also associated with many landmark litigation cases for global companies. He was recognized as one of the leading tax controversy leaders by International Tax Review, UK. He recently authored a book on DTAA: Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement - Concepts, Practices, and Trends.



P. V. Srinivasan is a Director on the Board of ITRAF. He is a Chartered Accountant and a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi. He is engaged as a corporate advisor on global taxation and corporate law matters. His experience is in manufacturing and information technology industries with regard to corporate tax compliances across tax jurisdictions. He headed the Corporate Tax function at Wipro, Bangalore. He was a member of Emerging Issues Task Force on non-resident of Ministry of Finance, and the working group on transfer pricing. He is the Chairman of the Indirect Taxation Committee of Bangalore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCIC). He has been a visiting faculty at Training Institute of Income Tax Department, ICAI, and Institute of Company Secretaries of India.



S Krishnan is a Director on the Board of ITRAF, an international tax professional with significant on-ground practical experience of globalizing a company's operations. He has managed the entire gamut of planning, compliance, tax audits and litigation in international income-tax and transaction tax; due diligence and contract structuring as well as risk mitigation. He is assisting companies on international tax structuring and performing the role of a virtual international tax manager providing 'tax health check-up' and compliance oversight of international tax, employee mobility and transaction taxes. He is based out of Bangalore, India. He was earlier Vice President and Group Head – International Taxation at Infosys Limited (formerly called Infosys Technologies Limited). Over a period of 15 years at Infosys, he set up a centralized international tax department in Bangalore to manage tax compliance in over 30 countries across North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, Africa and Russia. He was responsible for filing corporate income tax returns in these countries and paying income taxes within the due dates. He has established appropriate tax filing methods supported by Transfer Pricing studies. He has personally managed income tax audits across USA, UK, Belgium, Canada, Germany, France, Netherlands, Japan, Singapore, Australia, etc. very efficiently. He settled a corporate tax audit in Japan through a Mutual Agreement Procedure involving the Competent Tax Authorities of India and Japan. During this process, he worked closely with the Government of India in reducing the withholding tax rate on Royalties and Fees for Technical Services as per the Double Tax Avoidance Agreement between India and Japan from 20% to 10%.

SPEAKER PROFILES



Indraneel Roy Choudhury is a Director on the Board of ITRAF. He is retired from PW & Co LLP, Bangalore, and former Tax Partner Leader of South India Tax & PW & Co LLP's Tax Leadership Team. He formerly chaired the Tax Policy Panel for PW & Co LLP Tax function. He specializes in International Tax & Transfer Pricing. He has nearly 35 years of experience in advising domestic and multinational clients on tax, legal and regulatory issues, on inbound/outbound transactions, tax structuring, mergers & acquisitions and transfer pricing planning, and compliance issues, MAPs and APAs. He has been associated with several professional & trade bodies and has lectured at various fora including PwC's Leadership Development programs at Genesis Park. He is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).



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