

## **UB PRAVIN RAO APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF NASSCOM FOR 2020-21 AND REKHA MENON GETS ELECTED AS VICE CHAIRPERSON**

**New Delhi, 06<sup>th</sup> April, 2020:** In its ongoing efforts to ensure business continuity during this unprecedented situation, the **National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)**, today hosted its first ever Executive Council meeting via a video conference. At the meeting, the appointment of **Mr. UB Pravin Rao**, Chief Operating Officer, Infosys as the NASSCOM Chairman for 2020-21 was announced. He will take on the position from his previous role as Vice Chairman of NASSCOM, succeeding Mr. Keshav Murugesh, Group CEO, WNS Global Services, who served as Chairman of NASSCOM for the year 2019-20. NASSCOM also announced the appointment of **Ms. Rekha M. Menon**, Chairman and Senior Managing Director, Accenture in India as their Vice Chairperson for 2020-21.

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. UB Pravin Rao, Chairman, NASSCOM**, said, *“I’m thankful for the trust that NASSCOM’s Executive Council has put in me, and I look forward to serving the industry in this role. These are challenging times for the Indian IT industry, as we deal with an unprecedented situation. However, the Indian IT industry has time and again proven its resilience, and I have no doubt that this time too, we will emerge stronger and wiser. As we all adjust to a new normal, I hope to continue the great work that NASSCOM has been doing in transforming the industry and making it relevant in this digital era. I believe that our industry, more than ever, needs a focused approach towards building resilience, upskilling its workforce and contributing to our country’s growth, and I’m excited to be a part of this journey with NASSCOM.”*

**Ms. Rekha M. Menon, Vice Chairperson, NASSCOM** said, *“I am deeply honoured. I look forward to working with NASSCOM and its leadership to ensure that our industry remains innovative and agile, as it unlocks opportunities, navigates challenges, and catalyses sustainable, positive impact in our communities in the future.”*

**Mr. Keshav Murugesh, Former Chairman, NASSCOM**, said, *“This journey with NASSCOM has been a memorable experience for me. During my tenure, I had the privilege of working alongside the Government and some of the best minds in the industry to position India as a global hub for digital solutions, innovation and future-ready talent. Future proofing NASSCOM through on-going changes to charters and affiliates will ensure the organisation remains relevant in an ever-changing business environment. I take great pride in the industry’s response and NASSCOM’s role in working with various stakeholders on work-from-home solutions as well as providing technology solutions in the wake of the COVID19 outbreak. Much has to be done in the days ahead to help tide over this crisis and we must stay agile. I would like to wish Pravin and Rekha all the success in their journey with NASSCOM.”*

The newly appointed leadership along with President Debjani Ghosh, will lead the industry body to carry out its wide array of objectives for the coming year in order to achieve their 2025 vision for the industry. As we enter the third decade of this millennium, we must brace ourselves for the **‘Techade 2020’** that we have entered. NASSCOM will continue to work towards building resilience in the industry, skilling their workforce and accelerate the industry’s contribution towards the country’s economic growth.

## **About NASSCOM**

The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM®) is the premier trade body and chamber of commerce of the Tech industry in India and comprises over 2800-member companies including both Indian and multinational organisations that have a presence in India. Our membership spans across the entire spectrum of the industry from start-ups to multinationals and from products to services, Global Service Centers to Engineering firms. Guided by India’s vision to become a leading digital economy globally, NASSCOM focuses on accelerating the pace of transformation of the industry to emerge as the preferred enablers for global digital transformation. Our strategic imperatives are to reskill and upskill India’s IT workforce to ensure that talent is future-ready in terms of new-age skills, strengthen the innovation quotient across industry verticals, create new market opportunities - both international and domestic, drive policy advocacy to advance innovation and ease of doing business, and build the Industry narrative with focus on Talent, Trust and Innovation. And, in everything we do, we will continue to champion the need for diversity and equal opportunity.

NASSCOM has played a key role in not just the growth of the Industry to become a \$190+Billion industry today, but we have helped establish the Tech industry in India as one of the most trusted partners, globally. NASSCOM continues to make significant efforts in contributing towards India’s GDP, exports, employment, infrastructure development and global visibility. Our membership base constitutes over 90% of the industry revenues in India and employs over 4 million professionals, and as technology blends into every aspect of the economy, we expect the industry to become key driver of growth, development and inclusion for the country. Our mission is to make India a global hub for Innovation and Talent so when the world thinks Digital, the world will think India.

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