

Speaker profiles:

Dr. Jacob Crasta: Dr. Jacob Crasta, the Founder & Chairman, CM EnviroSystems Pvt. Ltd., and Chairman - Lsquare Eco Products Pvt. Ltd, is a visionary who started his career in marketing of scientific equipment in the laboratory market of India. Today, the CME Group is a multi-location and multi-faceted company with its presence all over the world.

Dr. Crasta is a postgraduate from University of Mysore in Organic Chemistry and started his career as a lecturer. He is the recipient of several awards from SIATI, CCCI – Mumbai, VIJAYANAGAR SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY, BELLARY, FKCA, Kannada Karavali Vedike, etc.

Dr. Crasta, apart from being a distinguished industrialist, holds several notable positions in various prestigious organizations and trade bodies of India, such as, Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce & Industry, AIM, ASSOCHAM, FICCI, ICC India, Rotary Platinum City, Bengaluru, etc. He is also a member of the Council on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), chaired by the Prime Minister to lay down broad policy guidelines and review the development of the MSME sector in India.

S Raghavan: S Raghavan is currently on the Board of L&T Finance Limited and Surin Automotive Private Limited. A mechanical engineer and a postgraduate in Economics, he served in Indian industry for about 50 years, before retiring from active service in 2014.

At retirement, he was an Executive Management Committee (EMC) Member of Larsen & Toubro as a Sr. VP, heading its Machinery & Industrial Products division. This comprised manufacture and marketing of Construction Equipment, Rubber Processing Machinery, Industrial Valves, Foundry-making Wind Turbine Castings, Welding Equipment & Cutting Tools. The manufacturing units were located in Chennai, Coimbatore, Bangalore, Kanchipuram, Ankleshwar and Kansbahal and two units were in China (Yancheng and Qingdao). He has extensive experience in setting up and divesting from joint ventures.

B.P. Rao: B.P. Rao is the Founder and Senior Partner in M/s. B.P.RAO & Co., Chartered Accountants, which has offices in Bangalore, Chennai and Mysore. He is a member of the Panel of Arbitration in National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). Recently he has been inducted as Chairman and Director in Bangalore Properties and Securities Ltd (formerly known as Bangalore Stock Exchange Ltd). He was also appointed as Independent Non-Official Part time Director of BEML LTD w e f 02-12-2016 by the President of India. He has been appointed as Chairman of the Audit Committee. He has held positions in other prestigious institutions in the past, like IFAC, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, State Bank of Mysore, Arbitration Committee of Bangalore Stock Exchange, Primary Market Advisory Committee constituted by SEBI, Regional Direct Taxes Advisory Committee in Bangalore, etc.

S. Sampathraman: S. Sampathraman, a gold medallist in MA Economics, is the Chairman and Managing Director of DPK Engineers Pvt Ltd., Bangalore. He has been closely working with FKCCI for over 15 years. He holds many prestigious portfolios including Director, Indo-Italian Chamber of Commerce, Managing Committee Member, All India Manufacturers Association-Southern Region, Patron Member, Bangalore Management Association, etc. He also supports various NGOs and charitable institutes engaged in education and uplifting quality of lives for the needy.

V K Viswanathan: V K Viswanathan is the Chairman of the Board of Bosch Limited. Prior to this role, he was the Managing Director of Bosch Ltd and President, Bosch Group in India. He is currently the President of the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as the Vice President of

ACMA (Automotive Manufacturers' Association). Prior to joining Bosch, he was associated with Hindustan Unilever Ltd. in many senior positions for 17 years. V K Viswanathan is a Commerce graduate from Madras University and a Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.