

**Candidate for Executive Council Member
(1 July 2026 – 30 June 2030)**



Chitra Babu

(Retired) SSN College, Chennai
India

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Chitra Babu is currently serving as a Guest Faculty at IIT Madras. She served as a Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Sri Sivasubramniya Nadar(SSN) College of Engineering for 19 years. She received her Ph.D. from IIT Madras. She is a Senior member of ACM. She has handled several key responsible positions over the past decade such as Vice-Chair of ACM India Chennai Professional Chapter, member of the ACM India Education Committee, member of ACM-W India Committee, Chair of ACM iSIGCSE Chapter, Steering Committee Chair of the Annual ACM COMPUTE conference.

STATEMENT

I have served as a dedicated educator and computing professional for over 30 years. My primary focus is to strive for continuous improvement in the quality of higher education in Computer Science through curriculum modernization. This should align with the emerging technology landscape and industry requirements, while retaining an emphasis on a strong understanding of foundational courses. I would like to be involved in improving the pedagogic and assessment practices of higher education institutes in Computer Science while fostering more diversity and inclusivity. I would like to spearhead policy initiatives on how AI agents can effectively be used by Instructors for co-teaching courses (both pedagogy and assessment). I also would like to influence policies related to integrating appropriate AI content for non-CS disciplines with the ultimate goal of enabling problem solving in these disciplines using AI knowledge. Furthermore, I am interested in enhancing the foundational computing and AI related skills at the school level. To this end, I would like to examine the level of appropriateness of AI related content in the curriculum at the school level, and how computational thinking and AI literacy should be integrated without overwhelming the students.

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Aritra Banik
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India

BIOGRAPHY

Aritra Banik is a faculty member at NISER Bhubaneswar. He received his Ph.D. and M.Tech from ISI Kolkata and works in efficient algorithm design, with emphasis on parameterized and geometric algorithms. He currently serves on the ACM India Council, is a member of the Summer and Winter School Committee, and is involved in coordinating the IndiCS initiative. He also heads the ACM India External Engagement Committee along with Revathi Venkataraman. He is a recipient of the PBC Fellowship from Israel and the Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship.

STATEMENT

I seek to continue serving on the ACM India Council to help position ACM India as a central academic voice and coordinating force for computing research in the country.

Over the past two years, I have worked across several interconnected areas within ACM India, contributing to academic programming, research initiatives, and digital transformation. We have largely completed a comprehensive redesign of the ACM India website, transforming it into a modern, accessible, and structured platform. In parallel, we significantly strengthened our social media presence to ensure consistent and professional engagement. These efforts were foundational and mutually reinforcing. The next phase must focus on structured expansion and measurable national reach.

Through the Summer and Winter Schools, we organized programs on diverse and cutting-edge topics to introduce undergraduate students to contemporary research. As part of the IndiCS initiative, we conducted focused and immersive seminars that foster sustained technical dialogue among researchers and advanced students.

ACM India is already doing meaningful work. Our responsibility now is to integrate and scale these efforts so that research initiatives, digital platforms, and academic programs operate as a coordinated ecosystem that supports researchers from early career to advanced research participation.

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Sridhar Chimalakonda

Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati
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BIOGRAPHY

Sridhar Chimalakonda is an Associate Professor & Head of CSE at IIT Tirupati and Adjunct Professor, Waterloo (Canada). He leads RISHA Lab (rishalab.in), with software engineering publications at top venues (ICSE, FSE, ASE; 18 undergrad-led), 22+ open-source tools, and grants from Google, Microsoft, IBM, Accenture, ISRO, and DST. His doctoral work at IIIT-H on adult literacy software automation was transferred to Government of India, contributing to 10+ ISO standards. He chaired ISO/IEC SC7 AHG9 on AI-Assisted Software Development, SC7 Liaison to SC42. ACM Service: SIGSOFT Digital Learning Chair, iSOFT EC, iSIGCSE Treasurer, ISEC & SERI Steering, ROCS, and Eminent Speaker.

STATEMENT

Can we inspire, nurture, and retain bright students, educators, and professionals for quality computing from India? Having demonstrated this at a young IIT Tirupati with 18 undergrad-led publications at top venues, I believe ACM India can scale this nationally. My goals:

1. Computing research for all → Partnering with MoE, AICTE, and UGC, create computing-research clubs focusing on (i) undergrad research (ii) underrepresented students (iii) undermined research areas (iv) new IITs, IIITs, NITs, tier-2/3 colleges and (v) research-industry connect for faculty.
2. Opportunities for India's computing community → Through ACM and industry, facilitate co-op programs for students and upskilling for faculty and practitioners, with Google, Microsoft, IBM, Accenture, ISRO, and DST.

3. Responsible AI and computing for society → Bring India's computing challenges to the forefront on AI-governance, standards, compliance, and advocate for education policy through AICTE and NEP. As ISO/IEC SC7 AHG9 Chair and SC7 Liaison to SC42 (AI), I can position India's voice in global AI standards.

I am passionate about innovative computing research and education strategies for India. With experience in ACM India (iSOFT, iSIGCSE, COMPUTE, PhD Clinic) and globally (SIGSOFT, ISO, 20+ committees), I strongly believe I can contribute to ACM India's next chapter.

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Neeraj Goel

IIT, Ropar
India

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Neeraj Goel is currently associate professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at IIT Ropar with research interests in Computer Systems and CS education. He has been associated with ACM since 2005. He served as Chair of the ACM Student Chapter at IIT Delhi (2006–2008). He is the faculty sponsor of the ACM Student Chapter at IIT Ropar since 2017. He has served ACM India through iSIGCSE, first as Vice-Chair (2023–2025) and currently as Chair (2025 onwards). In addition, he has contributed to ACM conferences—particularly ACM Compute—in different roles across different editions.

STATEMENT

With this breadth of experience, I now seek to contribute at a broader strategic level as a member of the ACM India Executive Council.

If elected, my focus areas would include:

- **Increase outreach to schools.** I observe that the number of students who appear in ZIO and ZCO is still less than a thousand in comparison to the 600,000 computer science graduates every year. Thus, there is potential for increasing outreach to schools and increasing the number of students interested in computing in K12.
- **Scaling in improvement initiative of quality of CS education.** Several initiatives have been taken by ACM in the past to improve CSE education in tier 2 and tier 3 colleges. I think we need to go to the next level to scale up these initiatives so they can reach a larger scale. This can happen with community driven models and shared resources.

- **Deepening engagement with faculty members across institutes:** Overall reach and popularity of ACM can be further improved by connecting with faculty members with various engagement opportunities.

I would consider it a privilege to serve on the ACM India Executive Council and contribute to spreading the word of computing in India.

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Vinit Kapoor

Persistent Systems LTD., Nagpur
India

BIOGRAPHY

I am Vice President of Technology at Persistent Systems Ltd., having 25+ years of industry experience. Done B.E (Computer Science) from VNIT, Nagpur in 2000. Completed MTech. (Computer Science) from IIT Bombay in 2003.

Contributions:

- Built Emergency Dial 100 system with deployment at Pune.
- Mobile workforce management for managing vehicle fleets.
- IIoT Solutions for energy, predictive maintenance, and assembly line (OEE) monitoring.
- Cloud Management covering governance, cost, and observability systems.
- Invited speaker at conferences and BoS member at institutes.
- Lead CoE groups at Persistent Systems.
- Earlier AICTE judge panel for Smart India Hackathons.

STATEMENT

My ACM contributions:

- Secretary and Treasurer of ACM Professional Chapter Nagpur from 2016 to 2022.
- Worked with institutions in Central India region, in Nagpur, Akola and Amravati region and helped them take advantage of ACM.
- Executed events such as ACM India Annual Event of 2018, Nagpur, ACM-W 2020 annual event, various Eminent speaker talks, Community activities cybersecurity for the public, workshops for students, helped CSPathshala increase adoption in this region in private and government schools.

What I would like to do if elected:

- Leverage my industry experience to strengthen the academia and industry collaboration. In turn, help students in better research. For faculty, execute faculty development programs and workshops on the latest technology trends.
- For students, drive initiatives which can help improve problem solving and competitive coding skills, including ideation on entrepreneurship. In turn, make them more competitive and employable.
- Help ACM India in its programs outreach, such as summer or winter schools, mentoring Ph.D. students, so that a larger student and faculty community takes advantage of it.
- For professionals, drive programs leveraging new technology research outcomes from academia, which can help increase their productivity and be more competitive.

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Atul Kumar

IBM Research, Bangalore
India

BIOGRAPHY

Atul Kumar is a Senior Research Scientist at IBM Research India where he currently leads some of IBM's AI for Testing and Application Modernization research. He has 22+ years of experience working in industry R&D that include IBM, Microsoft, Accenture, ABB and Siemens.

He has over 50 papers published and over twenty patent issues/filed. Atul received his PhD and MTech degrees – both in Computer Science and Engineering – from IIT Kanpur in 2003 and 1998 respectively. He is a Senior Member of both ACM and IEEE. Currently, he is the president of iSoft (India Chapter of ACM SIGSOFT).

STATEMENT

If elected, I'll work to drive ACM's outreach initiatives across India, with a specific focus on bolstering engagement and expanding activities within the computing professional community in Indian software/IT industry.

As the current Chair of the iSoft (India chapter of ACM SIGSOFT), I have demonstrated my commitment to fostering a vibrant community of software engineering professionals in India. The iSoft has grown in membership, its annual conference ISEC has diversified to include more multi-disciplinary areas related to software engineering and therefore attracting more participation. We have also taken ISEC to tier-2 cities such as Jabalpur, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneshwar, and Allahabad to include the community beyond IITs/IISc.

Furthermore, I have been part of the organizing committees as chair/co-chair for various tracks for ACM India's two premier conferences: CODS-COMAD and ISEC for several years, including serving as the PC Co-Chair for ISEC in 2019 and Industry track Co-Chair in 2017. I have witnessed first-hand the importance of these conferences in bringing together the computing

community in general and data science/AI-ML and Software Engineering communities in particular. Additionally, my tenure as the Steering Committee Chair (2017-2020) for ISEC has equipped me with valuable experience in strategic planning and organizational management.

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Sachin Lodha
TCS Research, Pune
India

BIOGRAPHY

Sachin Lodha is Chief Scientist and Global Head of Research at TCS. Earlier, he led TCS's cybersecurity and privacy research, shaping its long-term vision across AI assurance, human-centric cybersecurity, privacy-by-design, programmable trust, and quantum-resilient systems. He holds B.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering from IIT Bombay and Ph.D. in Computer Science from Rutgers University. He has co-authored over 100 research papers and holds 150 granted patents. His use-inspired research has led to several innovations commercialised as TCS products. He is a Member of the ACM India Council and serves as its Secretary-Treasurer, and is also an ACM India Eminent Speaker.

STATEMENT

Since joining the ACM India Council in July 2022, I have worked to strengthen chapters, communication, and governance. As Co-Chair of the Chapters Committee, I helped drive initiatives including activity-based funding, revised chapter norms, scaling the Eminent Speaker Program, improving the chapter portal, enhancing chapter awards, and executing the Chapter Summit at scale—revitalizing over 300 student and professional chapters. I also Co-Chaired the Communication Committee, streamlining outreach across channels and increasing ACM India's visibility and subscriber base.

Since July 2024, as Secretary/Treasurer, I have focused on financial stewardship. Over the past seven quarters, cost optimization and increased sponsorships have strengthened ACM India's financial position.

Having contributed to initiatives such as Summer and Winter Schools, Industry Webinars, Minigraphs, and Bootcamps, I deeply value ACM's role in connecting people and advancing ideas. In my next term, I aim to further elevate this impact by expanding ACM SIG chapters across India.

While ACM has over 35 SIGs globally, India currently has fewer than five corresponding chapters. Drawing on my nationwide engagement as Head of TCS Research, I see strong potential for SIG-led communities that bring together researchers and practitioners to advance research and practice and contribute to national technological and societal priorities.

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Sudip Misra

Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
India

BIOGRAPHY

Sudip Misra is the Institute Chair Professor in the Department of CSE at IIT Kharagpur. He received his Ph.D. from Carleton University, Canada. His research interests include WSN and IoT. An ACM and IEEE Fellow, he has authored 550+ research papers and 12 books. He has received several awards, including the IEEE ComSoc AP Outstanding Young Researcher Award (IEEE GLOBECOM 2012), NASI Swarna Jayanti Puraskar, and multiple IEEE Systems Journal Best Paper Awards (2018–2020). He is Co-Founder and Director of the IoT startup SensorDrops Networks Pvt. Ltd., and has served as the Chair of the IEEE Kharagpur Section.

STATEMENT

If elected to the Executive Council of ACM India, I would fully commit myself to the Council's cause and principles by earning the confidence of all stakeholders. In addition to improving the many exciting existing programs of the Council and ACM India, I aim to further our organization's activities towards implementing solutions that will address the societal, economic, and environmental challenges of India from a computing technology standpoint. Over the past 3–4 years, I have actively contributed to ACM India initiatives promoting sustainable technologies and reliable connectivity. My focus is on expanding computing access at the grassroots level, advancing open courseware for inclusive education, and encouraging AI-driven research addressing rural connectivity challenges. I also aim to foster innovation through student-led research, startup incubation, and collaborative ecosystems that translate computing advances into scalable, socially impactful solutions. As a member of the EC, my focus will be multidimensional, encompassing the academic, research, knowledge transfer, and outreach activities of ACM India. With my deep expertise in academia and experience in industry, I am extremely confident that, if elected to the ACM India Executive Council, I will leave no stone unturned to further and strengthen ACM India's activities.

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Mainack Mondal

Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
India

BIOGRAPHY

Mainack Mondal is an Assistant Professor in the Department of CSE at IIT Kharagpur. He obtained his Ph.D. from MPI-SWS, Germany, and subsequently held postdoctoral appointments at the University of Chicago and Cornell Tech. Mainack’s research contributions span computer systems, security, privacy and HCI, with publications in leading venues including ACM CHI, ACM CCS, USENIX Security, NDSS, SOUPS, PETS, and CSCW. He recently served as chair of ACM ARCS 2026 and is a founding member of the ACM India PhD Clinic, where he has played a sustained role in mentoring PhD students and strengthening the research ecosystem in India.

STATEMENT

If elected, I will advance ACM India’s mission objectives of research excellence, high-quality publications, and sustained community leadership through measurable, execution-focused initiatives that strengthen research quality, community depth, and global visibility.

I have been actively engaged with ACM, most recently serving as a track co-chair at ACM CCS and ACM AsiaCCS 2026, and chairing ACM India ARCS 2026 as well as PhD Clinic. These experiences shape my commitment to building a strong, globally competitive Indian research ecosystem.

Early Priorities:

- Launch integrated mentoring pipelines with ARCS, PhD Clinic, and ROCS, with clear targets for improving submission-to-acceptance ratios.
- Establish a coordinated calendar of ACM India activities and India-focused conferences/workshops to improve participation, planning, and visibility.

Scaling Phase:

- Systematize student-driven reading groups and enable targeted training via India specific roadshows on secure, private, safe system design, and compute-intensive AI.
- Support India-focused ACM workshops that serve as feeders to ACM conferences and journals, and strengthen academia–industry research engagement.

End-of-Term Outcomes:

- Increase India’s representation in ACM publications, SIG leadership, and editorial boards.
- Enable India-led ACM venues addressing globally relevant, region-specific challenges.

Overall, my goal is to translate the potential of Indian institutions into sustained, high-impact global research contributions.

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Niharika Sachdeva
Info Edge (Naukri.com)
India

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Niharika Sachdeva is Executive Vice President (Data Science) at Info Edge (Naukri.com), where she leads AI/ML and NLP-driven systems for India's largest talent platform, serving 10 crore+ registered jobseekers and 20 lakh+ daily active users. Her work focuses on skills intelligence, knowledge graphs, and fraud detection in recruitment ecosystems, enabling large-scale, real-world deployment of AI. She is a founding mentor of the ACM India PhD Clinic and served as Program Chair for ACM ARCS 2025. Her research has appeared in venues including EACL and CSCW. She holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science from IIT Delhi.

STATEMENT

I seek to serve ACM India by strengthening the bridge between research and real-world impact, while expanding participation and opportunity across India's computing community.

My agenda for impact

- Strengthen the research–industry bridge: Create structured industry problem registries, data sharing playbooks (with privacy safeguards), and co-advised student fellowships so academic ideas reach millions via production systems.
- Grow computing communities beyond metros: Expand student chapters, hackathons, and applied AI workshops across Tier 2/3 cities, using open datasets and challenges drawn from public interest and recruitment domains (skills graphs, fraud detection, content integrity).

- Mentorship & early career support: Scale mentorship networks connecting students, researchers, and practitioners, leveraging ACM conferences/SIGs and creating applied ML clinics for small institutions and startups. (I have served as co-author/ advisor/ collaborator on thesis and project work bridging academia and industry.)

I bring a collaborative style, rigor of a researcher, and delivery focus of a product leader. I will work with fellow ACM India volunteers to enable reproducible, open, deployable computing research—from NLP, graph learning for skills to trust & safety in platforms—and turn that into student opportunities, community assets, and national capabilities. I'd be honored to earn your vote and serve the ACM India community.

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Sriparna Saha

Indian Institute of Technology, Patna
India

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Sriparna Saha is an Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at IIT Patna. She received her M.Tech (2005) and Ph.D. (2011) from the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, earning the Lt. Rashi Roy Memorial Gold Medal. She has authored over 450 research papers and a Springer book, with an h-index of 54 and 15,000+ citations. Her research focuses on NLP, machine learning, deep learning, and biomedical information extraction. She is a Senior Member of IEEE and ACM and has been listed among Stanford University's top 2% scientists in AI for six consecutive years.

STATEMENT

If elected to the Executive Council of ACM India, my vision is to significantly enhance the scale, inclusivity, and national impact of ACM's educational and industry engagement initiatives. I aim to strengthen and expand the ACM India Summer and Winter School programs by increasing the number of schools from six to more than ten half-yearly, while ensuring academic excellence, geographic diversity, and meaningful participation by bringing more CSR funding. A special emphasis will be placed on building sustained collaborations with Tier 2 and Tier 3 institutes to democratize access to high-quality computing education across India.

I plan to introduce thematic workshops aligned with emerging research frontiers and evolving market needs, particularly in Generative AI, Responsible AI, Multimodal Learning, and Applied Machine Learning. In addition, I propose organizing ACM India AI Summits to create structured platforms where industry leaders, researchers, faculty, and students can engage in technical dialogue, mentorship, and collaborative exploration.

A key priority will be strengthening industrial partnerships and mobilizing industry funding to support fellowships, innovation challenges, and outreach programs. My goal is to connect ACM

deeply with the education–industry ecosystem, creating a dense, opportunity-driven bridge from foundational learning to advanced research and real-world impact.

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Akhilesh Kumar Sharma
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India

BIOGRAPHY

Currently working as Professor & Head of Dept. at Manipal University, Jaipur, India, Dr. Akhilesh Kumar Sharma, Ph.D. from JK-SPS University, Udaipur in CSE & M.E. in CSE from DAVV University (Indore), and B.E. in CSE from RGTU (Bhopal). He won the best research proposal award by ACM and CSI Udaipur chapter. His area of interest includes big data analytics, DL, ML, DM, CI etc. He has published many technical research papers in reputed journals and conferences and organized high quality Conference, FDP and Workshops. He is the recipient of Rajiv Gandhi sadbhavna award, student chapter and MUJ research excellence awards.

STATEMENT

I have been working with ACM and other professional societies like IEEE (as senior member) to contribute towards their growth in a highly collaborative environment. I worked to bring professional and student chapters together, aimed at engaging them in various research activities. During my tenure so far, I created MoUs, organized high-quality events and research article writing collaborative activities, and I have a vision to explore cutting-edge research topics by engaging industry experts to bridge the industry-academia gaps.

ACM can benefit by bringing like-minded research professionals and industry experts together and I can use my industry network to bring them on the same platform for increased collaboration. With this, we can aim for the continuously evolving knowledge base of the ACM research community and keep it up to date with the industry skills and stay focused on solving contemporary industrial challenges.

Concurrently, I will focus on increasing the membership and participation of industry-academia partners by meaningful engagement based on matching common research objectives. I would encourage research and development activities through domestic and foreign collaborations,

research labs, and industry connections. I strongly promote ethical research practices, diversity and inclusion of communities, and also passionate about delivering IPR awareness sessions.

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Yogesh Simmhan

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India

BIOGRAPHY

Yogesh Simmhan is an Associate Professor at IISc, Bangalore, and an ACM Distinguished Member. He leads a high-impact systems research group, authoring 150+ refereed publications at premier ACM/IEEE venues, and ranks among the top 2% of researchers globally. A Swarna Jayanti Fellow, he previously held roles at Microsoft Research and the University of Southern California. Yogesh has served as General or Program Chair for flagship conferences including CCGrid, EDGE, HiPC, CODS COMAD and Computing Frontiers. He holds senior editorial roles in top-tier journals, and actively advises national committees spanning academia, industry and government.

STATEMENT

I seek reelection to the ACM India Council, building on four years of service, strengthening ACM's grassroots impact across India. As Co-Chair of the Chapters and Membership Committee, I focused on expanding, energizing, and sustaining ACM India's chapter ecosystem. This included growing student chapters nationwide, strengthening professional chapters, scaling Annual Chapter Summits, and advancing Activity Based Funding that supports ~100 chapter-led technical/outreach activities annually.

I also contributed to improving the Eminent Speaker Program through open nominations, greater regional and industry/academia diversity, and quality tracking, enhancing reach and relevance. These efforts reflect my commitment to scalable, inclusive, well-governed community programs benefiting professional and student members. We also secured approval for multi-year student memberships, a recurrent ask.

Looking ahead, my priorities include building strong professional chapters in major technology and academic hubs, instituting structured mentorship for student chapters, and enhancing ACM's

value for industry members through sustained engagement. I am equally committed to expanding research exposure for students from aspirational institutions.

With experience spanning leading academia (IISc), global industry (Microsoft Research), and national policy, I bring a balanced perspective to elevate ACM India's impact. I ask for your vote to continue building an inclusive, world-class platform empowering computing professionals and students nationwide.

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S. Sudarshan
IIT Bombay
India

BIOGRAPHY

S. Sudarshan is the Subrao Nilekani Chair Professor in the CSE Department, IIT Bombay. He completed his BTech from IITM in 1987 and PhD from Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison in 1992. He was at AT&T Bell Labs from 1992 to 1995, and has been at IIT Bombay since 1995. He has published extensively in the area of database systems, and is co-author with Silberschatz and Korth of the best-selling textbook Database System Concepts. He is a Fellow of ACM and IEEE. He was PC chair of SIGMOD 2024 and General Chair of SIGMOD 2026, among other service contributions to ACM.

STATEMENT

One of my key goals is to spur the growth of CS research in India, both at the academic and industrial level. And especially so in systems areas, where we have far too few PhD students, across all major academic institutions. To address this issue, I would like to create pre-doc programs coordinated across institutions, to attract students with systems skills, and give them research exposure, and motivate them to stay for a PhD. I would also like to work with industry forums and academia to organize/publicize technology workshops and continuing education programmes, to help industry professionals keep up with cutting-edge technologies, and to cross pollinate between industrial and academic R&D. Getting industry professionals involved in these activities is key to the future growth of ACM India.

With GenAI making massive changes to the world and to the IT industry, and the resultant risks and opportunities for the Indian IT industry, we need to figure out directions for CSE R&D for the decades ahead. Creating online/offline platforms for sharing experiences, thoughts and opinions on AI use, which can help shed light on future directions, is thus another important goal.

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R. Venkateswaran

COEP Technological University, Pune
India

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Venkateswaran is currently a Professor of Practice at COEP Technological University. He is an industry thought leader with more than 30 years of IT Industry experience, including leadership roles at Persistent Systems (Pune) and as a Researcher at Bell Laboratories, USA. He is actively associated with several academic institutes in fostering the Industry-Academia interactions. In the ACM India Council, he co-chairs the External Engagement committee and has hosted several Industry Webinars, bootcamps and industry events. He has conducted over 50 technical sessions reaching 4000 students across India as part of the ACM India Eminent Speaker Program.

STATEMENT

An active member since 2012, I have been an ACM India Council member in the current term and involved directly with several initiatives fostering collaborative and sustained engagement with industry practitioners to create measurable value for academia and industry.

As Co-Chair of the External Engagement Committee, I have helped:

- Onboard two new institutional partners with multi-year commitments to sustain various initiatives.
- Initiate the new Outstanding Applied Innovation in Computing (OAIC) Award that recognizes practitioners delivering innovative and impactful, real-world computing solutions to societal challenges.
- Champion the monthly Industry Webinar Series and multiple Industry bootcamps to provide a platform for Industry thought leaders and practitioners to share their expertise with the 18000+ members.

If re-elected to the ACM India Council for another term, I intend to focus on:

1. Championing practitioner-centric initiatives that foster sustained and outcome-driven engagement between industry and academic communities.
2. Increase ACM India's reach to regions that enable more inclusive participation and broader geographic representation.
3. Expanding and mentoring a larger network of committed volunteers to strengthen execution capacity and develop the next generation of ACM India leaders.

I am fully committed to advancing ACM India's mission with integrity and sincerity.