

Press Release

<u>Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI) announces New Office Bearers for 2018-19</u> <u>K C Ravi of Syngenta India is the New President of PAFI</u>

New Delhi, April 24, 2018: Public Affairs Forum of India, country's premier body for public and corporate affairs professionals, has appointed new office bearers for the year 2018-19.

Dr K C Ravi, Vice President- Business Sustainability, South Asia, Syngenta India Limited, has taken over as the new **President**. Dr Ravi has over two and half decades of professional experience across in public policy and regulatory affairs and has worked with some of the leading multinational companies as well as CII. He holds a doctorate in social sciences from University of Madras. He takes over the role of President, PAFI, from **Mr Harish Krishnan**, Managing Director – Public Affairs & Strategic Engagements Cisco India & SAARC, upon completion of his successful term.

Mr Raman Sidhu, Chairman, EBG Federation, India (erstwhile European Business Group), has taken over as the new **Vice President**. Mr. Sidhu has spent over three decades across multiple sectors including BFSI and infrastructure and has also worked extensively on policy advocacy. He qualified CA from Institute of Chartered Accountants, England & Wales and has his academic background in Economics.

Mr. Ishteyaque Amjad, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Coca-Cola India Pvt Ltd, has taken over as the new Secretary of the organisation. Mr. Amjad served in the Indian Army and then later joined the corporate world. He has worked across infrastructure, technology and FMCG industry.

Dr. Subhajyoti Ray, President, Internet & Mobile Association of India, is the new Treasurer. Before joining IAMAI, Subho was Director for the ICT vertical at the Confederation of Indian Industry in New Delhi, where he worked since 1998, closely with the software & services, BPM, hardware and telecom industries. He is a trained historian having read history at the Presidency College, Kolkata and JNU, New Delhi.

Dr K C Ravi, the incoming PAFI President said, "I am deeply honored to take on this responsibility and carry forward our "Swacch Public Affairs Abhiyaan" for an ethical, data based and holistic approach to public policy and nation building. PAFI will continue to work towards bringing more transparency in policy making and more accountability in every walk of society."

"The year 2017-18 was the inflection point for PAFI in terms of both Quality and Quantity with a record number of government interactions and execution of the most high profile National Public Affairs Forum. PAFI made significant strides in its pursuit to bring excellence in public policy engagement driven by data and ethics setting a strong foundation to scale greater heights in the years ahead" said Mr. Harish Krishnan, the outgoing President.

Since its formal inception in 2012, and in line with its objective to being a professional resource for the Public Affairs and Corporate Affairs professionals, PAFI has been actively promoting public affairs as a profession and organising meetings and forums to exchange views and share experiences. It is PAFI's belief that public affairs will play an increasingly significant role in organizations as well as the development of India's economy.



About Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI):

The Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, is a non-partisan, not-for-profit Society, comprising of organisations working in the field of Public & Corporate Affairs. PAFI is dedicated to raise and maintain standards of practice in public affairs to enable the Industry to attain recognition and credibility. Serving as a professional resource for the Public Affairs and Corporate Affairs professionals, PAFI provides members with the platform and opportunity to exchange information, share their knowledge and experiences in engaging with external stakeholders like the government, media, industry associations, multilateral agencies and think tanks. For more information, visit: www.pafi.in

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