Sri K. T. Rama Rao

Honorable Minister for IT and RD,
Govt. of Telangana

Sri Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao (born 24 July 1976) is an Indian politician and present Member of Legislative Assembly, representing the Telangana Rashtra Samithi.

He won state Assembly Elections 2009, 2014 for TRS party in Siricilla Constituency. Currently he is serving as the Cabinet Minister for Panchayat Raj & IT, Telangana State.

K. T. Rama Rao was born in Siddipet and he is the son of K. Chandrashekhar Rao, founder of Telangana Rashtra Samithi.

He has completed his schooling from St. George's Grammar school, Hyderabad. He has a Bachelors Degree in Microbiology from Nizam College.

KTR has two post-graduate degrees, one is M.Sc in Biotechnology from University of Pune and the other is MBA in Marketing & E-commerce from Baruch College-City University of New York. Later he worked as Regional Sales Director at INTTRA from 2001 to 2006.

Sri J. Satyanarayana

Adviser (e-Governance, electronics, and IT), Government of Andhra Pradesh

Sri J. Satyanarayana, IAS (Retd.), is appointed as Advisor to Government (e-Governance, Electronics & IT), Government of Andhra Pradesh. He is assigned the status of Cabinet Minister.

Mr. J. Satyanarayana, IAS 1977 batch, who is working as Chairman – The National Institute for Smart Government NISG, Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DEIT), Government of India, Date of Appointment is 25th April 2012.

Mr. J. Satyanarayana has been a pioneer in the field of implementation of e-Governance projects and as early as the late 1990s, he implemented Computerization of the Registration Department of Andhra Pradesh, better known as the CARD Project.

Later between 2000-2003, he was part of the SWAT e-Governance team of Shri Chandrababu Naidu, the then CM of Andhra Pradesh and he and his team implemented numerous pioneering and landmark e-Governance programs which among others included the e-Seva Project and the e-Procurement platform.

In 2003 he founded the National Institute of Smart Governance and his magic and golden hand continued in this nascent institution.

Between 2003-08, NISG was involved with virtually every important e-Governance initiative of the Government of India, including the computerization of the Ministry of Company Affairs, one of the largest computerization initiatives, Passport Seva, computerization of the Passport Department.

Mr. J. Sathyanarayana is a great believer in the concept of Public Private Partnership for execution of e-Governance projects.

Mr. J. Satyanarayana is an IAS officer of the 1977 batch of Andhra Pradesh Cadre, in addition to conceptualizing and implementing e-Governance projects, he has contributed extensively to the thought leadership in the e-Governance domain by writing many books, delivering training programs and contributing extensively in seminars and discussion forums on e-Governance

Sri A. Murali

IAS, CEO, SERP, Telangana

Sri A. Murali, IAS, is a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, Department of Rural Development.

In this capacity, he works on rural poverty issues, including institution building, livestock development, livelihoods, procurement, HR, administration, financial management, and use of ICTs.

Mr. Murali is an accomplished civil engineer, manager and rural development professional. He has over 12 years of experience in infrastructure development, including building roads, bridges, public buildings, and implementing different irrigation schemes. As a development manager with over 20 years of practical experience, he was involved in social mobilization work and building community-based organizations (CBOs) and their cooperatives, as well as in development projects involving natural resource management, sanitation, micro credit, and many more. Other areas of his expertize include social issues, like child labor and social discrimination, participatory poverty assessment techniques, and empowerment of individuals with disabilities.

In addition to his service in the development agencies of the government of Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Murali worked with international development organizations, such as World Bank and UNDP on poverty reduction projects in South Asia, and served as an adviser to the Government of Laos.

Sri Raymond Peter

IAS, IAS Principal Secretary, PR&RD

Sri Raymond Peter is a Principal Secretary Panchayat Raj, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation and Rural Development at the Goverment of Telangana.

Mr. Peter has extensive experience in development administration at a village, subdivision, as well as district and state levels in the field of rural development and general administration. Previously he held a number of assignments both at the state and international level. His previous appointments include: Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department at GOAP; Commissioner Transport, Andhra Pradesh at Government of A.P., and Commissioner, Transport at Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Mr. Peter extensively worked in the field of e-governance in the departments of Transport and Social Welfare. His work on e-governance in education projects, such as online administration of scholarships, hostels and residential schools have enabled better accountability and transparency in the welfare administration. He also has extensive experience in the filed of tax administration.

Sri Sanjay Jaju

IT Secretary, Government of
Andhra Pradesh

Sri Sanjay Jaju, IAS, is a Secretary of the IT and Communications Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh. Mr. Sanjay Jaju is a Mechanical Engineer and Cost & Management Accountant from Institute of Cost & Works Accountants of India, New Delhi.

As a Secretary in the IT& Communications Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Jaju leads the ICT industry Promotion and e-governance initiatives. He has been instrumental in promoting the Electronic System Design and Manufacturing sector in the state through various Policy initiatives. Under Mr. Jaju's guidance the new Electronic Hardware Manufacturing policy of the state is released and being implemented. He leads the e-governance initiatives in the state by implementing various citizen-centric programs, which helps in delivering various Government services (G2C, G2B, G2G), to the citizens in a convenient, efficient and transparent manner.

Mr. Jaju has over 20 years of experience working with the Government of India in various capacities. After his term with the District Administration, he served at the City Civic body Food & Public Distribution.

Apart from promoting various ICT and e-governance initiatives in Andhra Pradesh, he is involved in creation of Information Technology Investment Region-ITIR, ESDM Clusters, and Gaming & Animation Park, and he supports the ICT industry for a sustainable and seamless development across the state.

Dr. Rama Rao

Director, NAARM

Dr. Rama Rao has been in the agricultural research service of ICAR since 1978.

He started his career as Scientist at Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute (CSWRI), Avikanagar in 1978. He later joined as Senior Scientist at Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT), Mumbai in 1986.

In 1991, he joined NAARM, Hyderabad, and worked in the capacities of Principal Scientist and Head of Information and Communication Management Division.

In 2013, he joined, National Agricultural Innovation Project, ICAR, New Delhi, as National Director. In July 2014, he came back to the Academy as Director.

He has received advance training in technology in education and decision systems at Ohio State University, USA.

He is the Course Director for the first academic course on Information Technology Management in Agriculture at NAARM. In 1996, he received Hari Om Ashram Trust Award for database management.

Areas of Interest: project Management, Decision Support Systems, Planning and Forecasting, e-Learning and technology in education and knowledge management in agriculture.
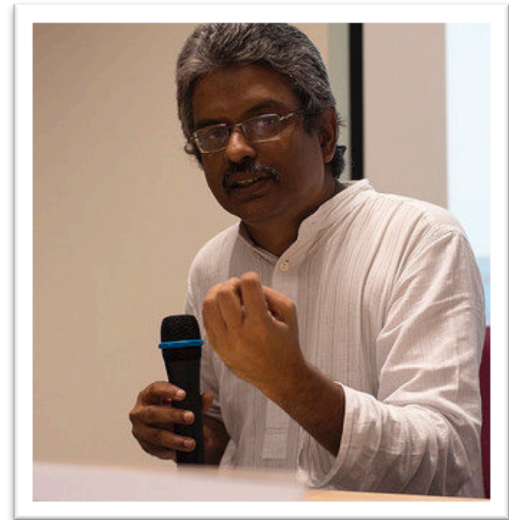
Sri Anant Maringanti

Director, Hyderabad Urban Lab

Dr. Anant Maringanti is currently the director of Hyderabad Urban Lab, a multi disciplinary research programme run by the Right to the City Foundation. The programme is founded on the idea that development, governance and civic initiatives can only succeed when they take local cultures, histories and geographies are given equal weightage as global processes. HUL's work is data intensive (both qualitative and quantitative).

Dr. Maringanti worked for many years as a journalist reporting on development issues in several regions of India. He is a development geographer with a PhD from University of Minnesota and has taught graduate courses at several universities including the National University of Singapore and University of Hyderabad. He is widely published in national and international academic journals on social movements, politics of development and urbanization. His research and teaching interests centre on questions of urbanization, development and globalization from the South Asian vantage point.

Dr. George E. Thomas

Associate Professor (Non-Life), College
of Insurance, Insurance Institute of
India, Mumbai

Dr. George E. Thomas' qualifications include PhD, MBA, MA (English), MA (Soc.), FIII, ACII (UK) and BGL. He is Chartered Insurance Practitioner (UK), Fellow Life Member of Indian Council of Arbitration and Life Member of Indian Institute of Public Administration.

He brings on board 29 years of Insurance industry exposure from Tariff Advisory Committee (TAC) where he joined as AAO in 1985 and was Chief Manager since 2006; and from IRDA where he was as OSD during 2009-2010. His experience includes insurance regulation, tariff revision, product design, health insurance and different areas of non-life insurance. He has worked on various committees on policy wordings, data definitions, data analysis and contributed in creating TAC's data warehouse, the precursor of the present Insurance Information Bureau.

Dr. George E. Thomas is author of two books, "Organizational Adaptation" and "General Insurance Principles and Practice". He has presented papers at forums like "2nd Colloquium" of International Actuarial Association - Health Section, "2nd India Disaster Management Congress" of National Disaster Management Authority, "Global Health Conference on Social Marketing and Franchising" of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and HLL Lifecare and "National Medico-Legal Conference" of Federation of Obstetrics & Gynecologists' Society of India; and contributed to refereed journals and magazines. He was on the Expert Group of National Institute of Disaster Management for Peer Review of its Risk Analysis Curriculum. He is Member of the Research Working Group of ICMIF, the Ad-hoc Board of Studies in Management of JBIMS (SNDT Women's University), Board of Studies in Management of Pondicherry University, guest faculty at National Insurance Academy, Tata Dhan Academy and RTC of Directorate of Commercial Audit.

A recognized guide of the University of Mumbai for Ph.D. research in Business Management, his academic and research interests include Health Insurance, Insurance for Natural Catastrophe, Insurance related Litigation and Microinsurance - an area in which he has recently lead a consortium research.

Sri Col S. S. Rao

Chief Operating Officer, APOnline

Sri Col S. S. Rao (Retd) is the Chief Operating Officer of APOnline Limited, a subsidiary of TCS and In-charge of IT systems for Government Social Sector programs in TCS. He based out of Hyderabad, India.

Col S. S. Rao joined TCS after completing 16 years of service in Indian Army and 5 years as a scientist in Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL), DRDO. He holds a B.Tech degree in Electronics and Telecommunication from JNU, New Delhi and M.Tech degree in Computer Engineering from IIT Kharagpur.

Col S. S. Rao has contributed in designing and development of ICT solutions for many social programs implemented by the Govt of AP. His involvement started with the hugely successful ICT system for MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural employment Guarantee Act) for Andhra Pradesh. The solution developed by TCS team received many awards, appreciations and accolades for Govt of AP and TCS.

Many more IT systems for social sector programs were taken up under him delivering government services and benefits to the needy by utilising the IT solutions. Col S. S. Rao is the head of APOnline since Jun 2008. APOnline looks after delivery of Govt services to the citizens of both AP and Telangana states through a network of 3500 kiosks, most of which are in rural areas. Many ICT initiatives have been introduced touching the lives of millions of people like Disbursement of wages and pensions with aadhaar enabled payment system in 13000 villages, MeeSeva for delivery of digitally signed Govt certificates, NEGP's CSC program, Kiosk banking centres in rural areas of AP etc.

Sri Ganes Kesari

Vice President, Gramener

Sri Ganes Kesari is the Vice President of Delivery at Gramener, a Data Visualization & Analytics company headquartered in Hyderabad. Gramener is a BI Product company that strives to make consumption of data meaningful and actionable. Ganes is responsible for Customer Delivery, Product Strategy and leads all aspects of the company's R&D efforts. He has rich experience in Program Managing large multi-million dollar engagements for Fortune-50 and big Indian clients. Prior to joining Gramener, Ganes was with HCL Technologies handling Delivery responsibility for large IT Services engagements. In his career, he has played a variety of delivery leadership roles managing large, complex engagements. He has a demonstrated ability to deal with ambiguity, take over & strategically manage accounts in crisis-mode to achieve successful turnaround.

Ganes holds a B. Tech degree from CECRI and has also completed his MBA (full-time) from FMS, Delhi University. He is an avid chess player and has played at the National Level.

Sri Parmesh Shah

Lead Rural Development Specialist,
World Bank

Sri Parmesh Shah currently a Lead Rural Development Specialist in the Agriculture Global Practice of the World Bank and is involved in designing and supporting a number of rural poverty reduction projects. His current areas of interest are economic and social organizations and networks of the poor, demand side approaches to governance, leveraging ICT for last mile service delivery, making markets and public services work for the poor and public private and people partnerships for rural poverty reduction.

He is passionate about designing and piloting ICT led approaches towards agribusiness development and transforming health, nutrition and other human development service delivery especially at the last mile. He has worked for the last twenty seven years for governments, civil society organizations, foundations and other bilateral and multilateral development organizations in Asia and Africa regions in the areas of community driven development, participatory approaches, institutional change and natural resources management. He joined the Bank in 1998.

Dr. Shashank Ojha

Senior e-Government Specialist,
Transport & ICT GP, World Bank

Dr. Shashank Ojha is a Sr. e-Government Specialist, with the Transport and ICT Global Practice of the World Bank. He heads the e-Government team of the World Bank in India which is responsible for providing technical advice and funding support on information technology related projects funded by the World Bank. He has been involved in providing technical advice and support to over twenty-five ICT / e-government projects in India and was the Team Leader of the e-Delivery of Public Services DPL Project which supports the National e-Governance Program of GoI. In addition to India project responsibilities, he has provided specialist advice to e-government projects in other countries in the Middle East and South Asia region.

He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, member of Project Management Institute – USA and Fellow member of Institute of Internal Auditors. Before joining the World Bank, he has worked as a Senior Management Consultant with Ernst & Young and as General Manager - Finance with National Panasonic Group.

Sri Vinay Kumar Vutukuru

Rural Development Specialist,
World Bank

Sri Vinay Kumar Vutukuru is a consultant at the World Bank since 2009. He currently works on projects related to Rural transformation projects mainly in Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. He has keen interest in working on issues related to value chain development across agriculture and livestock sectors with small and marginal farmers and improving last mile public service delivery. Prior to the World Bank, Vinay was at the Harvard Kennedy School where he finished his graduate degree in Public Administration in International Development.

Prior to joining the bank he worked in the areas of agriculture development, demand side governance and rural safety nets. He is an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

Andrew Stott

Global Expert on Open Data, World Bank
U.K. Transparency Board Member and Former
Deputy Chief Information Officer of the U.K.

Andrew Stott was Director for Transparency and Digital Engagement for the United Kingdom Government. He led the work to open up government data and create "data.gov.uk"; and after the 2010 Election he led the implementation of the new Government's commitments on Transparency of central and local government including delivery of the Prime Minister's personal pledges to release key finance and staffing data within the Government's first six months in office. His role also included responsibility for increasing the Government's capability to use new media to communicate and collaborate with the public, including the crowd-sourcing of ideas for spending reductions and increasing civil liberties and the greater use of the major social media platforms, including Facebook and Twitter.

Following his retirement in December 2010 he continues to advise UK Ministers on the release of government data and other parts of their e-government programme as a member of the UK Public Sector Transparency Board, as well as advising other governments and contributing to the international development of the Open Data agenda. As a senior consultant in the Transport and ICT Global Practice in the World Bank he has worked on Open Data and other e-Government issues in countries including Moldova, Macedonia, Russia, Georgia, Botswana, Tanzania, Rwanda, Antigua, St Lucia and Indonesia, as well as on global Open Data strategy and co-authoring the Open Data Readiness Assessment methodology. He is also on the Advisory Council of the Open Knowledge Foundation and of Open Corporates, the open database of the corporate world.

Between 2004 and 2009 Andrew Stott was UK Government Deputy Chief Information Officer and Chair of the UK Government Chief Technology Officers Council. He joined the UK civil service in 1976 and subsequently worked in a variety of UK public sector bodies in policy, finance, programme management and in both strategy and implementation roles in information technology. He is a graduate of the University of Cambridge where he studied both Mathematics and Law.

Prasanna Lal Das

Lead Program Officer, Open Finances,
World Bank

Prasanna Lal Das leads the open financial data program (finances.worldbank.org) at the World Bank. He's especially interested in the role of open financial data in promoting civic engagement and results, and the potential of open data to foster commercial growth and innovation.

Prasanna and his team are also investigating the possibility of using big data for international development, especially to increase effectiveness. Prior to joining the Bank in 2003, Prasanna worked extensively in the private sector helping companies develop strategies to use information as a competitive business asset.

He worked in a variety of sectors including information technology, media, education, and telecom.

Prasanna holds a Masters degree in Modern Indian History.

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Blogging on: Open Data

Oleg Petrov

Senior Program Officer and Open Data Practice Coordinator, ICT Unit, World Bank, USA
Global Expert on Open Data

Oleg Petrov has been championing open data, e-government and ICT for development at the World Bank since 1996 in a variety of leadership roles. Currently, Oleg coordinates the Open Data Practice, ICT programs in Russia, and knowledge sharing and learning activities of the Bank's ICT Unit, including the High-level Experts, Leaders, and Practitioners (HELP) for Transformation program, Open Data Innovations Network, Open Government Data working group and Digital Development Community.

Earlier he was the WB team leader for Moldova Governance e-Transformation program, the first World Bank funded project to support open data, mobile e-ID and cloud computing infrastructure. Oleg conceived the Global Development Gateway (1999), initiated and coordinated about 20 Country Gateway programs in Europe and Asia (1999-2001) and global portals on ICT4D and Afghanistan Reconstruction (2002-2003). He also worked with the EU Public Sector Institutional Reform project in Russia as senior international expert on e-government contributing to client capacity building, single window program and e-government strategy development. Oleg delivered keynote addresses and presentations at e-government and open data conferences and workshops in India, Kazakhstan, Korea, Tajikistan, Moldova, Mongolia, Macedonia, Russia, Spain, UK, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Belarus, US et al. He was also involved in teaching e-government at Suffolk University.

Saki Kumagai

Social Development Specialist,
Governance GP, World Bank

Saki Kumagai is Social Development Specialist at Governance Global Practice of the World Bank, where she works mainly on ICT for social accountability, citizen engagement with specific focus on grievance redress mechanisms (GRMs), and social accountability in extractive industry as well as social protection operations. Prior to joining the Bank in 2011, Saki worked as a research analyst on science and technology policy with a private firm in the US and as a research assistant at the London School of Economics (LSE). Saki holds a bachelor's degree in international relations and sociology from the American University and a master's degree in human rights from LSE.