

SOM MITTAL

President, NASSCOM

Som Mittal is President of NASSCOM, the premier trade body and the “Chamber of Commerce” for the IT – BPO industry in India. In this role, he is responsible for representing the Indian IT – BPO software and services industry to multiple stakeholders. His key responsibility areas include enhancing India's leadership position in the global offshore IT-BPO and work towards further growing the market by enabling industry to tap into emerging opportunity areas and to strengthen the domestic market in India.

Over the years, NASSCOM has earned the reputation of being a strategic advisor to the various stakeholders of the industry. NASSCOM's varied strengths include creating and influencing government and public policy, international trade development, research and market intelligence services, and access to an international network through 17 MoU's and linkages with 40 industry associations. Initiatives on education, strengthening cybersecurity, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship are also focus areas. NASSCOM also endeavors to narrow the digital divide in India through NASSCOM Foundation (NF).

Som Mittal assumed office of the President, NASSCOM in January 2008. He has a rich and wide ranging work experience of over 30 years in corporate India, he has been a part of the Indian IT industry for the past 18 years. Before joining NASSCOM, he was heading the Services business for Hewlett Packard in Asia Pacific and Japan.

In addition to chairing NASSCOM in 2003-04, and being part of the NASSCOM Executive Council for several years, Som Mittal has been closely associated with other industry bodies like MAIT and CII. He has played an active role in the formulation and implementation of Karnataka's IT policy. He has been on the CII National Council for several years and part of the Chief Ministers IT Task Force in Karnataka. He is also the Founding member of the IIIT, Bangalore and the Board of IT Education Standards.

Som Mittal holds a B.Tech from IIT, Kanpur and an MBA from Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad. Additionally, he has attended executive programs at Harvard and IMD.