



Dr. Pratyush Kumar

President, Boeing India

Vice President, Boeing International

The Boeing Company

Citation of Accomplishment

Dr. Pratyush Kumar is President of Boeing India with sustained leadership, strategic vision and a proven track record in driving business and political outcomes using technology in the aviation, transportation and health sectors; he is helping to catapult India into the 21st century aerospace ecosystem.

Biography

Pratyush (Prat) Kumar is President of Boeing India, the company's most senior in-country leader responsible for strategy development and execution in India. Based in New Delhi, Kumar aligns business priorities, expands the company's footprint, develops customer relationships, and builds partnerships with industry and government stakeholders in the region. He also is a Vice President of Boeing International.

Before joining The Boeing Company in 2012, Kumar held various leadership positions at General Electric in the United States and India including President and CEO of GE Infrastructure in India responsible for GE Aviation, Energy, Water, Oil & Gas and Transportation businesses in the region.

Prior to GE, Kumar founded a Boston-based biotech company in 2002 that developed ultra high throughput cell-sorting devices using microfluidic chips. The company focused on sorting stem cells harvested from bone marrow of cancer patients for autologous transplant.

Kumar earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi and a doctorate in materials engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he also was an industry collegium fellow. His doctoral work developed a theoretical and practical approach to making metal components close to their final shape in one step.

Currently, Kumar is chairman of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry aviation committee, chairman of Associated Chambers of Commerce of India cyber security council, regional president of Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Executive Council of the Aviation Cooperation Program between India and the United States.

Kumar was born in a remote eastern Indian village with no electricity, roads or running water. He was homeschooled by his grandparents and started his formal education at age 12 when he moved to New Delhi. Kumar overcame an extreme scarcity of resources in his early years to later succeed at the highest levels of academia and industry in India and the United States.

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