



## *Distinguished Alumnus Award 2021*

*We take immense pleasure in honouring **Mr. Srinath Narasimhan**, an alumnus of the 21st batch of IIM Calcutta, for his outstanding contribution to corporate leadership.*

*Following his B. Tech in Mechanical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology Madras (Chennai) and his Post Graduate Diploma in Management marketing (PGDM) from Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, N. Srinath has led multiple companies in a stellar career spanning three and a half decades with the Tata Group. He joined the Tata Administrative Services in 1986 and held positions in Project Management, Sales & Marketing and Management in different Tata companies in the ICT sector over the past 35 years. Starting in Tata Honeywell in 1986, he moved to Tata Industries where he served as Executive Assistant to the Chairman, Mr. Ratan Tata. He was also part of a team that set up Tata Information Systems (later Tata IBM) to which he subsequently transitioned.*

*Srinath returned to Tata Industries in 1998, overseeing the implementation of Tata Teleservices where he took over as Chief Operating Officer in 1999. He served as Chief Executive Officer of Tata Internet Services from 2000 to 2002, before moving to VSNL (later renamed Tata Communications) in 2002. At Tata Communications, he steered the transformation of the then monopoly public sector undertaking VSNL into a global communications services provider offering advanced network, managed and cloud services to customers worldwide. He worked in various leadership positions at Tata Communications: first as Director (Operations), then Executive Director, and finally as Managing Director and CEO of the Tata Communications global group of companies.*

*After serving for almost a decade at the helm of Tata Teleservices (since 2011), Srinath was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Tata Trusts, India's oldest and most renowned philanthropic organisation in 2020. Besides leading the Trusts' work in cancer care, health, nutrition, livelihoods, education, water and sanitation among other domains, he led the Trusts' comprehensive response to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing critically needed equipment, hospital facilities and training to nearly 10,000 healthcare professionals. He has also served on multiple boards including Tata Teleservices, Tata Communications, Tata Industries, Tata Business Support Systems, Assam Cancer Care Foundation and Alamelu Charitable Foundation.*

*Srinath has won many laurels and many industry recognitions for his immense contributions to the field of telecommunications including 'Telecom CEO of the Year' in the year 2006 in Asia by the leading publishing group Telecom Asia, the Udyog Rattan Award from the Institute of Economic Studies also in 2006. 'Telecom Person of the Year' by Voice and Data magazine in 2008 and the world's eighth most influential telecom personality by the Global Telecoms Business magazine in the years 2008 and 2009 consecutively.*

*We acknowledge Srinath's accomplishments as an exemplary professional in the corporate arena with enormous pride and bestow upon him the Institute's highest honour for its alumni, 'The Distinguished Alumnus Award'.*

*Given this 14th day of November, 2021*