

EVENING TALK

INDIA IN THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL DISRUPTION

The talk will cover the following – How business and Government in India is being disrupted by the technological changes sweeping the world. It will outline the internet/ecommerce landscape in India. It will include the story of Aadhaar a unique on-line digital identity provided by Government, that has now close to a billion Indian residents enrolled, and how it can be used for Government reengineering and subsidy reform. It will explain the set of Programming Interfaces built on the Aadhaar platform, collectively called as the 'India Stack', and how it can power paperless presence-less and cash less applications. This enables the reimagining of business and Government – with consequent benefits in easier onboarding, market expansion, lower costs etc. And as India goes from being data poor to data rich due to smartphones, digital identity, digital payments and social media, data becomes the new currency. The talk will compare and contrast the Indian scenario with USA (where Google, Facebook, Amazon and Apple dominate) to China (where most companies seem to be linked to Baidu or Alibaba or Tencent). That India is the final frontier where the American giants, the Chinese trio and Indian entrepreneurs will battle for the future, using the most open and innovative digital infrastructure.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Mr Nandan Nilekani
Chairman, EkStep

Nandan Nilekani is the Co-founder and Chairman of EkStep, a not-for-profit effort to create a learner centric, technology based platform to improve basic literacy and numeracy for millions of children. He was most recently the Chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) in the rank of a Cabinet Minister. Nandan Nilekani was previously the co-chairman, Infosys Technologies Limited, which he co-founded in 1981.

Born in Bengaluru, Nilekani received his Bachelor's degree from IIT, Bombay. *Fortune Magazine* conferred him with "Asia's Businessman of the year 2003". In 2005 he received the prestigious Joseph Schumpeter prize for innovative services in economy, economic sciences and politics. In 2006, he was awarded the Padma Bhushan. He was also named Businessman of the year by *Forbes Asia*. *Time* magazine listed him as one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2006 & 2009. *Foreign Policy* magazine listed him as one of the Top 100 Global thinkers in 2010. He won The Economist Social & Economic Innovation Award for his leadership of India's Unique Identification initiative (Aadhaar) in 2014.

Nandan Nilekani is the author of "*Imagining India*" and co-authored his second book with Viral Shah, "*Rebooting India: Realizing a Billion Aspiration*".

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