

telecommunication systems, and barely a year later, he joined the Ahmedabad-based Lalbhai group as CE of its electronics division and set up Arvind Mills' telecom division in Pune — again, from scratch. Today, this plant manufactures a wide range of telephone exchange equipment, including parts for the rural automatic exchanges pioneered by the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT).

At VeriFone, Ramakrishna repeated his success at creating an organisation from nothing. "I was responsible for setting up the operations of VeriFone in Bangalore as a premier export organisation and a software development centre," he says. Reporting directly to the company founder, US-based NRI Hatim Tyabji, he needs to make three or four trips to the US every year, even though the company offers its employees a virtual office anywhere, with worldwide computer access.

Though VeriFoners can log into the computer and work from anywhere, Ramakrishna's office is a fun place. He and his team follow a TGIF — 'thank God it's Friday!' — tradition where the entire workforce gets together in the canteen for beer and snacks.

And what does Ramakrishna do after TGIF? "I have started playing golf recently," he says casually, belying the fact that he has a double-digit handicap. He is also an active member of an assortment of professional bodies and is a fellow of the Institute of Electronics and Telecom Engineers, treasurer of the Karnataka chapter of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, an executive committee member of the Bangalore chapter of the Confederation of Indian Industry, and a senior member of the Computer Society of India, besides National Association of Software and Service Companies, the Greater Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Bangalore Management Association. Apart from all this physical and cerebral activity, he likes to spend time with his family consisting of wife Usha, a teen-aged daughter and an eleven-year-old son.

The software facility will take another year to complete. And after that? Ramakrishna will need more excitement — any more organisations to build from scratch, anybody?

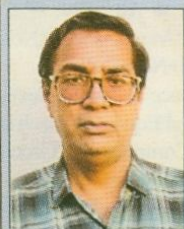
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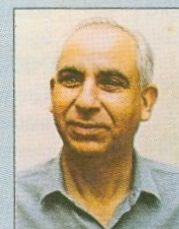
H.L. Zutshi, presently director, marketing and chairman and managing director — officiating — at Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd, has now been appointed as the corporation's chairman and managing director.



N. Vishwanathan has been appointed director, technical, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation. Prior to this, he was general manager, Uri Hydro-electric project of NHPC in Jammu and Kashmir.



General manager with Vikram Ispat, personnel and administration, **D.P.S. Jindani**, has been appointed vice-president, personnel and administration, NRC Ltd.

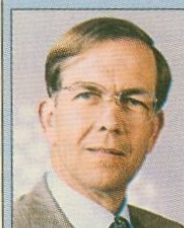


General manager, Eastern Railway, **C.L. Kaw**, has been appointed as member traffic, Railway Board and ex-officio secretary to the Government of India in the ministry of railways.

Vice-president, materials, at NRC Ltd, **C.H. Chorera**, was formerly vice-president, commercial, Vikram Ispat.



Formerly a management consultant with EDU Vision, **A.L. Ravikanth**, has been inducted as group president, human resources, Kothari Sugars and Chemicals Ltd.



MICO's new technical director **Hannes Bertling**, was previously engineering director, lighting systems division, at Robert Bosch GmbH, Reutlingen.



Medical director, ayurvedic, Zandu Pharmaceutical Works Ltd, **Narendra S. Bhatt**, has been appointed vice-president, ayurveda, Ajanta Pharma Ltd.

Badal Sengupta has been designated chairman, Damodar Valley Corporation. He has been a member of the Central Electricity Authority and was also in charge of the Thermal Operation Wing.



British Airways has appointed **Kevin Steele**, as general manager for South Asia. Prior to this appointment, he was manager, Saudi Arabia.

