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CEOs

Resilient leadership turns market turbulence into sustained growth and profitability, revealing the true value of exceptional corporate stewardship



From top (L-R): Ramesh Gopalan, Sagility India; Jinal Mehta, Torrent Power; Shenu Agarwal, Ashok Leyland; Anil Sardana, Adani Energy Solutions; Pavitra Shankar, BRIGADE Enterprises; Atul B Lal, Dixon Technologies; Puneet Chhatwal, IHCL; Vibha Padalkar, HDFC Life; Ajay Bijli, PVR Inox

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ARCHITECTS OF STRONGER INDIA

India's transformation is being shaped by visionary leaders who combine ambition with action, innovation with responsibility, and growth with purpose. These Architects of a Stronger India are driving progress across healthcare, technology, education, infrastructure, manufacturing, finance, and entrepreneurship. Their leadership is strengthening institutions, creating opportunities, empowering communities, and positioning India as a confident force on the global stage. More than achievers, they are nation-builders—creating a future defined by innovation, inclusivity, self-reliance, sustainable growth, and a stronger, more prosperous India.



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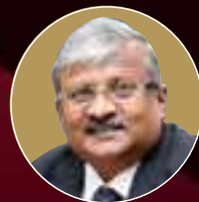
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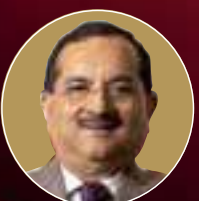
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BUILDING A STRONGER INDIA THROUGH VISION, INNOVATION AND PURPOSE

Murali Krishna Gannamani, Managing Director & CEO of Fluentgrid Limited, is a visionary entrepreneur, technology leader, and institution builder whose leadership has been instrumental in advancing India's digital transformation journey. With over 25 years of entrepreneurial leadership, he has transformed Fluentgrid into a globally recognised technology company, demonstrating how innovation born in India can solve some of the world's most complex energy and urban infrastructure challenges. His journey reflects an unwavering commitment to building world-class technology, fostering innovation, and creating sustainable value for industry, society, and the nation.

Under Murali's leadership, Fluentgrid has emerged as a trusted global partner in the digital transformation of energy utilities, smart cities, and critical infrastructure. The company has developed a portfolio of industry-leading platforms, including Customer Information System (CIS), Meter Data Management System (MDMS), Unified Head-End System (UHES), and the AI-powered Actelligence® platform. Today, Fluentgrid's solutions are deployed across more than 20 countries, supporting over 50+ utilities and cities and positively impacting more than 100+ million consumers, reflecting Murali's vision of building globally competitive, Made-in-India technology that delivers measurable

impact worldwide.

An engineer by profession and an innovator by passion, Murali has consistently championed research, product engineering, and emerging technologies as the foundation for long-term growth. Under his guidance, Fluentgrid's DSIR-recognised Research & Development Centre continues to develop next-generation solutions powered by Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, advanced analytics, and intelligent automation. His commitment to engineering excellence has positioned Fluentgrid among the select Indian technology companies recognised by Gartner, IDC, and Guidehouse Insights, reinforcing India's growing stature as a global innovation hub.

His entrepreneurial journey

has earned him several prestigious recognitions, including the ET Ascent CMD of the Year 2023, Economic Times Inspiring CEO 2021, Economic Times Most Promising Business Leaders of Asia 2020, and the Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Award. Under his leadership, Fluentgrid has also received numerous national and international honours, including ET NOW Best Tech Brands 2025, Economic Times Best Organization for Innovation 2024, ET Iconic Brands of India 2023, the ISGF Innovation Award, the NASSCOM Business Innovation Award, and the IBM Beacon Award, reflecting a culture of innovation, excellence, and customer-centricity.

Beyond business, Murali has made significant contributions to India's industrial ecosystem. As Chairman of CII Andhra Pradesh for FY 2025-26, he championed collaboration between industry, government, academia, and startups to accelerate innovation, strengthen manufacturing competitiveness, encourage entrepreneurship, and promote skill development. Guided by the belief that business success must create societal value, he has also aligned Fluentgrid with the United Nations Global Compact and the Sustainable Development Goals, reinforcing responsible innovation and sustainable growth.

Murali Krishna Gannamani exemplifies the new generation of Indian business leaders transforming vision into national capability. By building globally respected technology from India, nurturing innovation-led ecosystems, and strengthening critical infrastructure, he continues to make a lasting contribution towards building a stronger, smarter, and more self-reliant India.

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