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T.V. Ramachandran (aka TV) is currently the President of Broadband India Forum; Global Advisor, Future Tech Panel – IET (Institution of Engg. & Technology, London); and Founder & CEO of Advisory@TVR – a Consultancy in the ICT & TMT space.

TV has played a key role in Mobile Telecommunications in India, from its very advent in India in 1994. He was the 1st CEO of Sterling Cellular Ltd. (Essar Cellphone), Delhi, and led the establishment and successful launch of the largest Indian cellular network of that time (*Sterling Cellular was incidentally a predecessor of what later became Vodafone India Ltd.*).

TV moved on at the end of 1997, to help establish the industry body, Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) as a Co-Founder and then lead the body as its first Executive Vice Chairman and Director General. He nurtured it over 12 years to the position of being one of the most credible and vibrant professional bodies.

He thereafter served as Resident Director, Regulatory Affairs & Govt. Relations, Vodafone India, for over 5 years from October 2009 till December 2014.

TV is also:

- Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Engineering & Technology (IET) London, for his contributions to Mobile Telephony. One of only 3 Indians to be conferred this prestigious Award in the over 140 years of existence of this renowned institution; and
- Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineers (India)

In March, 2015, at the Telecom Leadership Forum in Delhi, TVR was conferred the Voice & Data Lifetime Contribution Award for his contributions to Mobile Telephony in India.

In October 2017, the Government of India nominated him to serve as an expert member on the High Level Government Forum for India 5G 2020.

Prior to his stint in Telecom, TV had a 28 years distinguished career in R&D, Technical & Product Assurance in Dunlop India & Apollo Tyres Ltd. with rich experience in Manufacturing.