

Mr. Gopal Rajagopalan
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Biographical Information

Gopal Rajagopalan is the Vice Chairman & Managing Director of Manipal Universal Learning Private Limited. Manipal U, which is part of the Manipal Group, is mandated with building the distance education programmes, learning technologies and related education consulting and services. It currently ranks among the leading private sector providers of distance education in the country, especially for the graduate and post graduate segment. In addition, the Company is also building complementary businesses in the area of test prep services, customized courseware as well as other learning support services. Manipal U will consolidate the education and related technology initiatives of the Group for internal and external constituents. Gopal also serves on other senior committees of the Group

Prior to Manipal, Gopal spent a decade on the Board of one of India's leading infrastructure development institutions. In this capacity Gopal was involved in a number of initiatives including inter-alia in the infrastructure sector, telecommunications, private equity, development of social infrastructure initiatives in education and health and other e-business related initiatives. He helped conceptualize, raise, commit and manage one of India's largest private equity funds in the infrastructure and technology sectors. This Fund was raised from both international and domestic investors; and managed, jointly, with one of the largest Financial Institutions in the US. Gopal served as the CEO of the Fund. He also developed the social infrastructure agenda, encompassing education and health. Gopal developed and managed the Education and Health initiatives as the Managing Director and CEO of the SPV's set up for this purpose; before moving on as the Chairman of the new subsidiary established to consolidate the infrastructure business

He has over 26 years of experience in the banking and financial services sector: investment banking, capital markets, structured finance and project finance. He also serves as a member of select Committees and Expert Groups, both national as well as international, in the area of infrastructure, telecommunication and education. Gopal is the Regional Director, South Asia at the Global Information Infrastructure Commission (GIIC) and has served on the ASIP Advisory Board of the Asia Society. He is a regular speaker at various conferences in his areas of expertise. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Madras and an MBA, from the Jamanalal Bajaj Institute, University of Mumbai