

## Chennai to host the 12th National Conference of the NHRD Network S Ramadorai, CEO and MD, TCS to be Conference Chairman

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The NHRDN is India's premier association of HR professionals committed to promote the HRD movement in the country. With over thirty chapters and more than seven thousand members, the NHRDN works towards enhancing the competence of HR professionals to enable them to make an impactful contribution to competitiveness and create value for business and society. The NHRDN, a not-for-profit organization, has been progressively scaling up the development of human resources through education, training, research and experience sharing.

The Theme of this year's National Conference is '**What's Beyond? - HR's Next Agenda**'. The Conference is designed to provide the HR professional a vision of the future and equip him/her with the ideas and the inspiration needed to successfully navigate it. The Conference will focus upon the business environment of the Indian organizations on the global business stage and the expectations that business has from HR professionals.

**Mr. S Ramadorai, CEO and Managing Director, Tata Consultancy Services**, said, 'This event comes at a crucial phase in the growth journey of Indian economy. In the current challenging business environment, HR has a critical and strategic function to perform in every organisation and has to work as an integral part of the management team in every business. I'm sure delegates will find the sub-themes and tracks at the Conference most relevant and rewarding given this scenario'.

**Mr. Aquil Busrai, National President of National HRD Network and Executive Director - HR, IBM India** added, 'The Annual Conference of the National HRD Network has become the ideal meeting ground for HR professionals to stay contemporary, discover best practices and widen their horizons. The event promises to stay true to the philosophy of the Network of focusing on emerging HR trends that can add value to businesses.'

**Mr. David Nallathambi, President of National HRD Network, Chennai Chapter, and Senior Vice President, SCOPE International**, said, 'In addition to presenting a galaxy of experts and leaders from diverse fields, this year's conference will also present the findings of the first ever '**State of HR**' - a nation-wide survey of current HR practices conducted by Ernst and Young, Knowledge Partners of the NHRDN. Further, we will also be launching a Directory of HR Services - a handy compendium of service providers for the HR community.'

A comprehensive website [www.nhrdnconference2008.com](http://www.nhrdnconference2008.com) provides more details of the Conference and offers a simple on-line registration facility.

The event is supported by several corporate sponsors including Murugappa Group, Sri Balaji Society, TCS, ICICI Bank, Coca-Cola, Accenture, Maruti Udyog Ltd, Mercer and Nokia.

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The NHRDN came into being on March 2nd, 1985 with an objective to strengthen HRD movement and gave a forum for interaction among HRD professionals. NHRDN functions through its chapters all over the country. Currently, there are over 30 chapters, which together have over 7,000 members. The National Executive Board coordinates the overall efforts of the Network and the chapters conduct various events and initiatives at the local level. The Network has brought out several publications such as 'The HRD Missionary', by Prof. T.V. Rao and also publishes monthly newsletters as well as a quarterly journal for circulation to its members which are very popular with the HR community. The website of the NHRDN is at [www.nationalhrd.org](http://www.nationalhrd.org).

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