

Phanindra Sama

Phanindra Sama is the Chief Innovation Officer (CIO), Government of Telangana. In his role as the CIO, he works on the Government's Vision to build an innovation driven economy in the State.

Prior to joining the Government, he was the CEO & Founder of redBus.in, India's largest bus ticketing company. redBus is founded in 2006, and sold to Naspers in the year 2013.

He is also one of the Founding Patrons of Kakatiya Sandbox, a social impact organisation that nurtures active citizenship for economic prosperity in his hometown, Nizamabad.

Phani is ranked no# 3 amongst India's Most Promising Entrepreneurs by Business World. He has been chosen as a Global Shaper 2011 of the World Economic Forum. He was awarded Entrepreneur of the year award under IT, ITES category by ET NOW, the Fortune 40 under 40 twice, and the BITSAA 30 under 30 award. He is also selected as Endeavor Entrepreneur (www.endeavor.org) and TiE Entrepreneur (www.tie.org).