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Jayant has held multiple C-level roles over the last 15 years, as **Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer** of India's **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)**, **Group Chief Executive Officer** of the **UK India Business Council (UKIBC)**, **Executive Director (Public Policy)** at Silicon Valley non-profit **WF**, and **Director**, Life Sciences and Healthcare (Europe) at **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**, based in London. As **Group CEO**, Jayant currently leads UKIBC, an organisation that leads in strengthening UK-India bilateral economic ties through **public policy advocacy** with governments and industry. He is **Senior Fellow** with the Chair in US-India Policy at the **Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)**, a **top-ranking US think tank**, based in Washington, DC.

From 2015 till 2018, Jayant led key initiatives of the **Prime Minister's Skill India Mission** as **CEO**, and **ED & COO** of NSDC, focusing on **policy** formulation and implementation. He also worked extensively with the **Advisor to the Prime Minister of India** on Skill Development for over 5 years. Jayant championed apprenticeship **policy reforms** in India and served as **Chairman** of the **Government of India's Special Task Force on Apprenticeship Rationalisation**. Most of his diverse experience of >30 years spanning **industry, government, public policy, CSR, and consulting**, was with the **Tata group** in key roles at **TCS**, including **Global Relationship Manager** for one of TCS's top 5 accounts worldwide, **Director**, Life Sciences and Healthcare (Europe), **Regional Director** (UK & Ireland), **Regional Manager** in **London**, **Delivery Centre Head**, and **Business Relationship Manager** for **British Airways**.

Jayant has over a decade's **rich experience** in **skill development** spanning **reforms, policy formulation**, execution, large programme implementation, and **industry-government interface**. While in the Tata group, he executed several **management consulting** interventions for the **World Bank**, **UN agencies**, **governments**, and **corporations**, and handled Tata group level initiatives including **government interface**, corporate social responsibility, corporate communications, sustainability, Tata Administrative Services (TAS), and business excellence.

He was awarded the **British Chevening Scholarship** by the UK Government to study at Leeds University Business School, University of Leeds. He is a **Fellow** of the All India Management Association (AIMA) and the youngest-ever **Fellow** of the Computer Society of India (CSI).

He has been a recipient of the **APJ Abdul Kalam Award for Innovation in Governance** in

2016 for his contribution to skill development in India. He has served as an **Adjunct Professor, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur**, and on the Board of Governors and Board of Studies of educational institutions in India. He is also an **Independent Director** on the **Boards** of varied companies and has served as **India's Official Delegate** to WorldSkills International.

He has **published papers** and **OpEds** in top journals and newspapers, featured on national and international **TV channels** as an expert panellist, and delivered numerous keynotes. Widely travelled to over 65 countries, he has led Indian delegations abroad for bodies such as **CII** and has **represented India** in various international summits and bilateral meetings. Jayant has led and served on a number of committees of the **Government of India, CII, PHDCCI, and FICCI.**