

ARAVA ANANTHA RAO

INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGER

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Information Security professional with 2 years of experience in Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC), specializing in confidentiality, privacy, and IT risk management. Experienced in ISO/IEC 27001:2022, GDPR, and ITGC compliance. Skilled in risk assessments, technology evaluations, audit readiness, and incident analysis. Adept at working with cross-functional teams, interpreting complex system environments, and implementing effective controls to safeguard sensitive information.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Information Security Manager, Tata Consultancy Services

Sep 2023 - Present

- Specialized in ISO/IEC 27001:2022, ITGC, and Data Protection, managing governance, risk, and compliance functions for the Corporate Shared Services Group.
- Led risk identification, baseline control checks, and internal/external audit readiness across multiple business functions.
- Managed risk registers for 15+ units, conducted detailed IT risk assessments, and ensured timely NCR closures.
- Reviewed and assessed 4000+ change requests, ensuring alignment with security policies and minimizing breach risks.
- Supported audit readiness and control validations for new infrastructure setups through HOTO activities and physical security walkthroughs.
- Led hardening checklist reviews for Windows and server environments to enhance configuration compliance.
- Spearheaded annual InfoSecurity Fest initiatives reaching 10,000+ participants, and delivered security awareness sessions to over 5000+ associates.
- Actively collaborated with the leadership team to organize and present insights at Branch Security Committee (BSC) meetings, sharing incident trends, risk dashboards, and compliance posture.
- Drove incident response and closure activities, ensuring swift mitigation, RCA tracking, and compliance improvement across corporate teams.

CORE SKILLS

- **Governance, Risk & Compliance:** ISO/IEC 27001:2022, GDPR, HIPAA, PCI DSS, ITGC
- **Confidentiality & Privacy:** Data protection, privacy governance, technology risk assessments
- **Risk Management:** Risk identification, assessment, mitigation, and NCR closure
- **Technical Security & Emerging Technologies:** Network security, AI-related risk assessments, system hardening, configuration compliance
- **Audit & Compliance:** Internal and external audit readiness, baseline control reviews, compliance validation
- **Security Operations:** Incident analysis and reporting for branch security committee meetings
- **Process & Documentation:** Policy development, standardized templates, and centralized documentation management
- **Collaboration Tools:** Microsoft Office 365, Excel dashboards, PowerPoint reporting

EDUCATION

Master of Computer Applications (MCA) Gayatri Vidya Parishad College of Engineering, Visakhapatnam <ul style="list-style-type: none">CGPA: 8.84	2021 - 2023
Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Maharaja's Autonomous College, Vizianagaram <ul style="list-style-type: none">CGPA: 9.02	2018 - 2021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Languages:** English, Hindi, Telugu
- **Certifications:**
 - ISO/IEC 27001:2022 Lead Auditor – Certified by TUV SUD
 - Microsoft Certified: Azure Security Engineer Associate (AZ-500)
 - Microsoft Certified: Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals (SC-900)
 - CompTIA Security+ (SY0-701)
- **Awards/Activities:**
 - Star Performer – Excellence of the Year (2023), awarded by CSO for outstanding performance in the unit.