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Prashanth co-founded Accel Partners India in 2008. Prior joining the firm he began investing in Indian technology start-ups much before they acquired global attention in 2004 as co-founder of Erasmic, one of India's first early stage funds. Prior to that, he founded two enterprises in the internet and multimedia publishing domains.

He is a serial investor and successful entrepreneur, Prashanth has his finger on the pulse of the Indian technology scenario. His primary focus is on consumer Internet services, online marketplaces and SaaS. With his keen ability to spot emerging opportunities, he has invested in Indian technology start-ups like Agrostar, BlueStone, BookMyShow, Clevertap, FabHotels, Housing, Rentomojo, TeaBox, QwikSilver/GiftBig, and other early-stage companies.

Accel has invested in category specific companies like Flipkart, Ola, Swiggy, Cult, BlackBuck and many more where Prashanth serves as a board member.

Prashanth is on the Board of Shikshana Foundation, which was started in 2002 by a small group of professionals with a common cause to improve the state of public education in the country. He is a socially committed citizen and has contributed to several causes and been actively engaged in making a difference to Bengaluru for issues that challenge it such as lake rejuvenation and others. He is an important influence in matters related to policy matters in the State of Karnataka.

He is currently, also serving as a Chairperson on the Board of United Way Bengaluru.

Prashanth earned an MS in Computer Science from the University of Delaware and holds a bachelor's degree in computer science from the Bangalore Institute of Technology. Prashanth is native from Bengaluru.

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