

CIOA CHRONICLES

Dear Esteemed Members & Partners,

Welcome to the April 2026 edition of CIOA Chronicles.

As we move past the holiday season, chapter events across cities are back in full swing, with strong participation from our CIO community. It's encouraging to see newer formats, roundtables, curated conversations, and deeper thematic engagements being actively explored. We are also seeing brands engage more meaningfully, not just as sponsors, but as partners in dialogue and co-creation.

This edition arrives at a moment of real complexity for technology leaders. Geopolitical volatility, data sovereignty, AI infrastructure demands, and ungoverned tools are no longer edge concerns - they sit at the heart of leading technology in India today. Our contributors examine what resilience looks like when data centres become strategic targets, and why the invisible stack hiding in plain sight may already be your most critical system.

This edition also marks an important milestone. We are delighted to introduce the interactive HTML version of CIOA Chronicles. This format allows you to move seamlessly from stories to conversations. We have also launched our new website: www.thecioassociation.com, designed as a central hub for events, insights, and community engagement. Our podcast series continues to build momentum, bringing you real conversations with technology leaders across industries.

As always, we invite you to explore, participate, and share your feedback.

With Warm Regards,

Umesh Mehta

President, Governing Body
CIO Association

IN THIS EDITION



Read how Mercedes-Benz India co-created a modern dealer management system with Zoho

Plus 11 more transformation stories from Blue Star, Union Bank of India, and others

Get the booklet

From Uptime to War – Time: Rethinking Enterprise Resilience

By **Pertisth Mankotia**, Treasurer, Governing Body of CIO Association
CIO, Sheela Foams

The modern battlefield extends beyond traditional land, air, and sea, now encompassing the digital infrastructure of economies, including data centers, cloud services, and global connectivity networks.



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From Efficiency to Resilience: How Global Disruptions Are Rewiring Supply Chains

By **Kapil Mahajan**, Global Chief Information and Technology Office
Allcargo Logistics

Over the last three years, global supply chains have faced a level of disruption that most operating models were simply not designed to absorb and I believe its true for lot of industries.

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Steady Hands in Unsteady Times

By **Deepa KC**, Head of Infrastructure and Cloud at Vodafone Intelligent Solutions

Upon being asked recently about the hardest part of leading infrastructure through the last few years, I didn't mention supply chains, renegotiations, or 3 AM calls when a critical system went sideways.



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CIO UNDER SPOTLIGHT

Happiest Health

Foods that keep us fighting fit

These foods are not only delicious and familiar to us but also help in a big way in keeping our body fighting fit against infections.

Written by Pallavi Dubey



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TREND WATCH

The Rise of the Invisible Tech Stack

For years, enterprise technology in India has been defined by what is visible - approved applications, sanctioned platforms, governed architectures, and controlled integrations. CIOs took comfort in this visibility. If it was deployed, it could be managed. If it could be managed, it could be secured.



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EDITORIAL

When the World Shifts: What Indian CIOs Must Rethink Now

For years, enterprise technology roadmaps were shaped from the inside out. CIOs built plans around business priorities, budget cycles, and transformation goals. The external environment was backdrop... important, but manageable. That logic no longer holds.



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Spotlight of Past Events

A look back at the moments, conversations, and leadership exchanges that shaped the last few weeks across CIO Association chapters.

Special Chapter Events

Dubai



The Family Cycling Event

7th February, 2026
Partner: PeopleStrong

Kolkata



Visit to STT GDC India's Data Centre Circuit, Kolkata

15th February, 2026
Partner: STT GDC India

Delhi NCR



Phoolon Ki Holi

28th February, 2026
Partner: Team Computers

Knowledge Sharing Sessions

Rajasthan



CIOs: Building Trust, Automating Compliance, Unleashing AI

21st February, 2026
Partner: Cyberultron

Chennai



Global File System: In the era of AI

21st February, 2026
Partners: Cloudian Inc, CTERA, and Future BusinessTech India

Bangalore



Tech Sparkles 2026

28th February, 2026

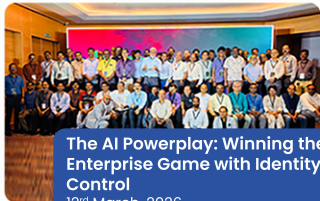
Chennai



SAP S/4HANA Cloud Public Edition

5th March, 2026

Chennai



The AI Powerplay: Winning the Enterprise Game with Identity Control

12th March, 2026
Partner: Saviynt

Chennai



Modernizing the IT Perimeter

21st March, 2026
Partners: JumpCloud and
Zones India

Kerala



Operationalizing AI Governance

21st March, 2026

Anniversary Events

Hyderabad



SECURE AI Conference

14th March 2026

Mumbai



Digital Nirvana: From Singularity to Security

21st February, 2026

Forthcoming Events

We invite partners to collaborate in these events and showcase their solutions to technology leaders, foster innovation, and create powerful brand engagement opportunities across the CIO community.

GOCC 2026

Kerala



APRIL 25, GRAND HYATT, KOCHI

Habba 2026

Bangalore



SAVE THE DATE
For the most celebrated occasion of
leadership, legacy, and the vibrant spirit
of our Tech Leadership Community.

CSK 2026

Chennai



9th Saturday, 9th May 2026, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Taj Coromandel, Chennai

SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE ULTIMATE TECH KONNECT

India Cybersecurity Symposium 2026

Delhi



SPECIAL EVENT
4th JULY, 2026 | NEW DELHI

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Our new website is live

www.thecioassociation.com



NEW LAUNCH

The CIO Chronicles

A podcast series
presented by CIO Association

[Watch Episode 1 Here](#)



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Your feedback will help us continue improving
the experience for our community.

