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Samtel Avionics appoints Sharan Mehta as Group President and Chief Strategy Officer

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Gurugram: Samtel Avionics Limited has appointed Sharan Mehta as Group President and Chief Strategy Officer, effective October 12, 2026. In his new role, Mehta will focus on strengthening the Group's competitive positioning, driving operational excellence and identifying new avenues for sustainable growth.

Mehta will lead the strategic direction and overall performance of Samtel's Defence & Avionics, Railways and Optronics businesses, with full profit and loss (P&L) accountability. His appointment

comes as the company looks to strengthen its core operations and explore growth opportunities across its existing and emerging business segments.

Mehta joins Samtel from the Raymond Group's engineering business, where he led strategy and growth across portfolio companies, including JK Maini Global Aerospace and JK Maini Precision Technology. During his tenure, he scaled the aerospace business nearly tenfold, transforming it from an emerging operation into the Group's largest growth engine, while integrating two engineering entities.

He also managed a portfolio exceeding US$225 million and established strategic partnerships with global companies, including GE Aerospace, Pratt & Whitney, Rolls-Royce, Honeywell, Wabtec, Stellantis and Lockheed Martin across North America and Europe.

His experience in business expansion, operational integration and global partnerships is expected to support Samtel's strategic priorities and its efforts to strengthen its presence in key international markets.

In addition to his executive responsibilities, Mehta will contribute to the Samtel Strategic Advisory Council alongside Puneet Kaura, Akhil Gupta, AVM Pawan Kumar, the Group CFO and other industrial advisors and senior leaders.

The Council will focus on shaping strategic direction and identifying growth opportunities for emerging businesses, particularly in Space & Satellite, UAVs and Anti-Drone Systems. Its priorities will include exploring new markets, developing strategic partnerships and building sustainable long-term growth for the Group.



Puneet Kaura

Puneet Kaura, Managing Director and CEO, Samtel Avionics, said, *"Sharan brings a rare blend of strategic thinking and hands-on execution, with a proven record of scaling businesses and building global partnerships. As Samtel enters its next phase of growth, his leadership will help us sharpen our focus, strengthen our core businesses and convert our ambitions into measurable results. We are delighted to welcome him to the Samtel family."*

Sharan Mehta, Group President and Chief Strategy Officer, Samtel Avionics, said, *"I am excited to join Samtel at such a defining point in its journey. The company has built a strong foundation in mission-critical technologies, and there is significant opportunity ahead across defence, railways and emerging domains. I look forward to*

working with Mr. Kaura and the leadership team to drive operational excellence and build a future-ready, globally competitive organisation."

The appointment marks a milestone in Samtel Avionics' growth journey, with Mehta expected to focus on translating strategic priorities into measurable business outcomes, while driving execution excellence, sustainable growth and long-term value creation across the Group's businesses.