

PUNEET KAURA

Executive Director
Samtel Display Systems Limited

Puneet Kaura heads Samtel Display Systems Limited (SDS), as its Executive Director. SDS is the technology leader of India's Samtel Group, which was established in 1973 as a manufacturer of television colour picture tubes. The publicly listed company, Samtel Colour, is India's biggest manufacturer of colour TV tubes, a growth market in the country.

After earning a Management Degree with a specializations in Marketing from Bentley College in the United States, Mr. Kaura joined Corning Incorporated, USA as a Management Trainee. Thereafter, he joined the Samtel Group where he was asked to lead the Samtel Electron Devices at Ulm, Germany. Mr Kaura developed a flair for the avionics industry during his time in Germany and, on his return to India, Mr Kaura joined SDS. His strategic vision about the company's potential in the international aerospace sector has seen the company grow manyfold. Major clients brought on in this time include, Thales, Honeywell and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

Mr Kaura was instrumental in sealing SDS's joint venture with India's major aircraft maker, government-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), which represented a company landmark. Mr Kaura was also a critical member of the team that developed the most recent joint venture for avionics with Thales Aerospace, in 2007.

Mr Kaura is outspoken on the need for the Indian defence industry offsets to be diversified to include commercial avionics and other aerospace elements