

2008 VISIONARY AWARD

Asia South Visionary



TVS MOTOR COMPANY LIMITED &
SUNDARAM-CLAYTON LIMITED

T.G. Dhandapani

Career Highlights

- Corporate CIO, TVS Motor Company Limited & Sundaram-Clayton Limited, 2000 to Present
- General Manager, Finance, TVS Motor Company, 1997 to 2000
- Head, Die Casting Division, Sundaram-Clayton, 1993 to 1996
- Various positions of increasing scope and responsibility at Sundaram-Clayton starting in 1982

BACKGROUND & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Associate Member, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
- 28 years of professional experience in finance, business planning, operations, project management, and IT
- 8 successful SAP implementations

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

- Progressive Manufacturing Award, Managing Automation, 2008
- CIO Gold Award, CIOL-Dataquest Enterprise Connect, 2007
- SAP ACE Award (for TVS Motor Company), 2007
- SAP ACE Award (for Sundaram-Clayton), 2006

TRENDS TO WATCH

- Application of RFID technology in manufacturing
- Capturing customer experience online as customers drive the vehicle

Technology plays a pivotal role in helping two of the entities in TVS Group—TVS Motor Company, which is one of the top two-wheel motor bike manufacturers in the world, and Sundaram-Clayton Limited, the leading supplier of automotive components in India, to race towards success. 2008 Asia South Visionary and Corporate CIO T.G. Dhandapani and his team rely on standard IT solutions for driving operational efficiencies labor productivity.

Mr. Dhandapani and his team have deployed Symantec technologies in various instances over past few years to deliver tangible business value back to both organizations—TVS Motor Company and Sundaram-Clayton Limited. With a disparate server environment scattered across multiple locations in India, they standardized backup and restore on Symantec Backup Exec. Data from more than 20 servers is now backed up on a regular basis and estimated backup success rates improved by a minimum of 10 percent.

In the case of endpoint security and messaging security, the team upgraded to Symantec Endpoint Protection 11.0 and Symantec Mail Security. Four dedicated full-time employees, who were previously tasked with managing issues related to spam prior to the solution roll out, are now dedicated to other more business-critical initiatives. In addition, spam was reduced to less than one percent of all email and false positives are virtually non-existent. The time employees spend dealing with spam email saves each employee approximately 10 minutes per workday. For implementation support, Mr. Dhandapani engaged Symantec Partners Dynamic Computer Services and Veeras Infotek Limited.

