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Vanitha Narayanan is the Chairman of IBM India Private Limited. Appointed to this leadership position in January 2017, she plays a critical role in enabling capabilities across IBM's global missions in India, global centers of excellence, research and innovation labs.

She is a member of IBM's Growth & Transformation team that comprises senior Global Executives who are selected by the IBM Chairman. In 2012, Vanitha was inducted into the IBM Industry Academy, a select group of experts, designed to advance IBM's industry thought leadership and brand. Vanitha is now an advisory board member of the Industry Academy. She is also a member of IBM's Global Women's Council.

She was also the first woman chairperson of AMCHAM India (2015-2016) and continues to serve as a member on the National Executive Board. In addition, she is a member of the National Council of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) since 2013, Co-Chair of National Committee for MNCs of Confederation of Indian Industry. Vanitha is also one of the Directors of Catalyst India Advisory Board. More recently, she was named among the 12 Global Indian Super Women of 2016 by CXOToday, as one of the 'Most Powerful Women' in Business in India (2016) by Business Today and conferred with the Degree of Doctor of Letters by the LNM Institute of Information Technology.

Vanitha is a liberal arts major from Stella Maris College, Chennai. She has a Masters in Business Administration in Marketing from the University of Madras and a Masters in Business Administration in Information Systems from the University of Houston - Magna Cum Laude.