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CIO Retreat

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Date: 23rd & 24th October, 2026 | Venue: Gurugram

DAY 1 - 23rd October

TIME	SESSION
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Arrival - Delegates arrive, check in, and network
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Networking Lunch
3:00 PM - 3:10 PM	Welcome Address & Opening Remarks by Ms. Taniya Tikoo, Co-founder & Editor-in-Chief, ObserveNow Media
3:10 PM - 3:40 PM	Panel Discussion 1: Winning Budget, Trust, and Airtime with Non-Tech Leadership Moderator: Yashvendra Singh, Editor, CIONOW. Panelists: • Ashok Nayak, CIO, Ipca Laboratories • Chander Khanduja, Group CIDO, Baxy Group • Dilraj Singh Gandhi, Chief Digital Officer, TAFE • Dr. Shakti Goel, Chief Architect & Data Scientist, Yatra Online • Tarun Anand, Group CIO, Jakson Group

3:40 PM - 3:55 PM	Industry Presentation: Narinder Singh, Partner Sales Manager, Google Cloud Industry presentation by the Presenting Partner.
3:55 PM - 4:10 PM	Industry Presentation: Chitra Manjunath, Senior Manager Solution Consulting, ServiceNow Industry presentation - Powered by Partner
4:10 PM - 4:20 PM	CISONOW Launch https://cisonow.in/
4:20 PM - 4:50 PM	Panel Discussion 2: Architecting the Modern Enterprise: Boardroom Strategies for M&A, Ecosystem Alliances, and Accelerated Growth Moderator: Geetha Nandikotkur, Senior Vice President – Editorial & Conferences, APAC, ObserveNow. Panelists: • Ankit Gupta, CTO, Policybazaar for Business • Hitesh Singla, Co-founder & CIO, Square Yards • Gyan Pandey, CIO, Polycab • Atul Govil, CTO at India Glycols • Annapurna Devi Kuchibatla, CTO, Bajaj Electricals • Priya Dar, CIO, Valvoline Cummins Pvt. Ltd
4:50 PM - 5:05 PM	Industry Presentation: Sriharsha Gummadi, Apple Practice Head, Ample Technologies Industry presentation by Platinum Partner
5:05 PM - 5:20 PM	Industry Presentation: Simranjeet Singh, Brand Technical Specialist, HashiCorp Industry presentation by Gold Partner
5:20 PM - 5:30 PM	ObserveNow Video
5:30 PM- 6:30 PM	Networking High-Tea A casual gathering to connect and reflect on the day's insights over high tea.
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Relax & Recharge Further time for relaxation and informal conversation ahead of the evening.
8:00 PM Onwards	Gala Dinner & Cocktails A formal evening of gourmet dining, continued networking, and celebration under the stars.

DAY 2 - 24th October

TIME	SESSION
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Morning Activities: Gokarting / Cricket Participants choose from early-morning activities. Gokarting: adrenaline-pumping laps on the track as the day begins; Cricket: friendly match on the greens with teammates.
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakfast A hearty breakfast and another chance to network.
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Relax & Recharge A final chance to unwind before the concluding roundtable session.
11:00 PM - 12:00 PM	Checkout Delegates check out, concluding the retreat with new connections and insight to take back to their organizations.

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