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As Country Leader for IBM security software Business, Rakesh's key responsibilities include being instrumental in improving the cyber security posture of Government organizations & corporates, to help orchestrate & automate their security detection & response - by helping them build the next gen Cognitive Security monitoring centres to combat the ever evolving cyber threats in real time.

With an experience of close to two & half decades, Rakesh's IT security stint started with Microsoft Corporation as Security Lead, followed by McAfee as The Govt & Enterprise Business Leader. He has played a key role in starting India's first "CISO Forum" to drive security awareness across the various sectors. He has run successful campaigns to build security awareness among IT Professionals and developers on secure code writing; including cyber education for children in partnership with Government bodies.

As a trusted advisor, he passionately continues to engage with corporates, PSU's in the critical infrastructure space & key Government agencies responsible for driving cyber security in India. He actively participates at cyber security forums and events, sharing his experience and learnings in the IT security space.