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### **Vinay Deshpande is WEF tech pioneer for 2001**

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**Bangalore:** Mr. Vinay L Deshpande, Chairman and CEO of the Bangalore- based Encore Software, has been selected as one of the World Economic Forum's 100 technology pioneers for the year 2001. Nominations for this programme are collected from a wide variety of sources and are subject to an independent selection process. Mr. Deshpande joins the rank of first group of technology pioneers from India in the year 2000 like N R Narayana Murthy, Chairman and CEO, Infosys, Azim H Premji, Chairman, Wipro Corporation and Ramalinga Raju, Chairman, Satyam Computers.

Mr. Deshpande will join the special tech pioneers programme to take place on the occasion of the World Economic Forum's annual meeting 2001 in Davos during January-end. "Being selected as one of the Forum's 100 technology pioneers is great news which has come as a surprise. More than the recognition, the opportunity to network with other fellow tech pioneers is what I am looking forward to," said Mr. Deshpande.