



Social Media Influencers Listing Engine

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Introduction

Social media communicators are pivotal in shaping public opinion and disseminating information. However, with this influence comes a profound responsibility to combat the spread of false information and uphold the integrity of credible narratives.

Our industry's pressing issue is the prevalence of stories published to improve SEO rankings or manipulate narratives. Unfortunately, some content is rewritten or altered to present individuals, groups, or organizations in a less-than-flattering or, at times, overly flattering manner. As a result, this practice can severely erode the information's accuracy and reliability.

While we as communicators must champion high-quality content and scrutinize stories with a critical lens, it is vital to acknowledge that this is a global issue, and eradicating misinformation will take time. We must, therefore, hold ourselves and our peers accountable to maintain the sanctity of the media landscape.

A fundamental moral duty of the PR industry is to do no harm. This means conscientiously avoiding clients or entities that seek to spread fake news. Moreover, as communication leaders, we must introspect if we inadvertently contribute to misinformation. Are we twisting narratives beyond reality or exaggerating facts to satisfy clients?

The priority should be to help them convey their authentic stories effectively rather than compromising credibility.

Public relations and communication professionals are crucial in protecting reputations and shaping public opinion. As our profession continues to evolve and technologies like Generative AI become more prevalent, the responsibilities of the PR community will continue to increase. While ChatGPT can generate a large amount of content quickly, there is no assurance of its reliability. Unfortunately, it has been known to spread false information and fake news at high speeds, which can promote biased, unreliable and harmful narratives. In these situations, PR professionals must be watchful and assist their clients and brands in delivering authentic and trustworthy communication.

To tackle misinformation effectively, the industry must unite to educate audiences on media literacy. This includes promoting critical thinking and fact-checking before accepting information at face value. By arming the public with the tools to discern truth from falsehood, we empower them to make informed decisions.

As social media influencers, we should wield our influence responsibly, understanding that ethics, integrity, and honesty are the cornerstones of any good business. As PR professionals, we must guide our clients and protect their reputations. With this principle in mind, The PRactice proudly presents the 2023 list of social media communicators in our fourth annual Social Media Influencers Listing Engine (SMILE) report, recognizing those who have been at the forefront of our industry over the past year.

The recognized social media communicators have distinguished themselves by carving unique niches online, sharing opinions and perspectives that hold tremendous value. Their contributions to the digital landscape have been exceptional. Congratulations to all the honourees! Through this recognition, we hope to inspire many more within our industry to acknowledge and harness the extraordinary power of social media and drive positive change.

Methodology

Identification Of Influencers

For this year's SMILE report, we sought nominations from individuals who aspired to participate and also considered candidates from last year's SMILE 2022 report. Combining both lists, we selected those with at least 800 followers on Twitter and 1000 followers on LinkedIn.

Mapping the power score

These calculations culminated in the Power Score ranging from 1 to 10 for Twitter and 2 to 9 for LinkedIn. We rounded off the average score to 4, using it as the median Power Score within the four quadrants.

Calculation & Standardization

Next, we established tables to assign scores to each person in List 1. To standardize the Impression Scores, we multiplied them by 2. Then, we aggregated the Follower, Impression, and Engagement Scores, dividing the total by 3.

Determining the power score

We used the Power Score to map our final list of individuals into 4 quadrants:

Maestros

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- Virtuosos
- Aficionados
 Pathfinders

Scores



Followers

No. of Followers	Score
801-1500	1
1501-2000	2
2001-3000	3
3001-4500	4
4501-7500	5
7501-10,000	6
10,001-15,000	7
15,001-20,000	8
20,001-30,000	9
30,001+	10

Impressions

No. of Impressions Score	
0-10000	1
10001-20000	2
20001-30000	3
30001-40000	4
40001 +	5

Engagement

Avg Tweets/month Score

3 1	
0-20	1
21-40	2
41-60	3
61-80	4
81-100	5
101-120	6
121-140	7
141-160	8
161-180	9
181-200+	10

in

Followers

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10

Impressions

No. of Impressions Score

0-10000	1
10001-20000	2
20001-30000	3
30001-40000	4
40001 +	5

Engagement

Avg Posts/month	Score
0-100	1
101-200	2
201-300	3
301-400	4
401-500	5
501-600	6
601-700	7
701-800	8
801-900	9
901+	10

Power Scores

Twitter Power Score

(Twitter Follower Score + Twitter Impression Score + Twitter Engagement Score)/3

LinkedIn Power Score

(LinkedIn Follower Score + LinkedIn Impression Score + LinkedIn Engagement Score)/3



SMILE 2023: Nominees

Aman Dhall Aman Gupta Anil Mascarenhas Aniruddha Basu Anshul Sushil AR Hemant Archana Jain Aseem Sood Ashwani Singla Atul Sharma Bharatendu Kabi Bhaskar Majumdar Biswajit Dash Boby Kurian Carson Dalton Chetan Mahajan Chhavi Leekha D N V Kumara Guru Deepa Dey Deepshikha Dharmaraj

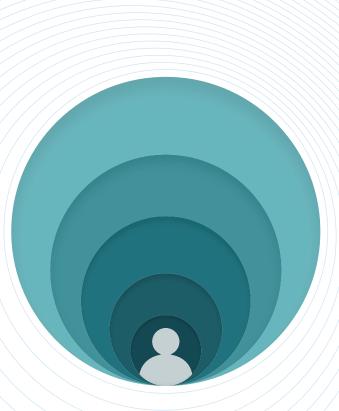
Dilip Cherian Geetaj Channana Girish Balachandran Girish Huria Harsha Ramachandra Harshendra Verdhan Himanshu Raj Hitesh Raj Bhagat Karan Bhujbal **Kiran Veigas** Komal Lath Krishna Vilasini Bharadwaj Kumar Manish Kunal Kishore Melissa Arulappan Minari Shah Mou Chakravorty Neeraj Jha Neha Bahri Nikhil Dey

Nitin Mantri Partha Ghosh Pooja Thakran Pooja Trehan Prateek Chatterjee Preeti Juneja Priya Patankar Puneet Gupta Rahul Rakesh Rajneesh Kumar Rakesh Thukral Rashmi Soni Rohan Vyavaharkar Rohit Bansal Ruchica Tomar Samir Kapur Sarvesh Tiwari Seema Ahuja Senjam Raj Sekhar

Shailesh Goyal Shreya Krishnan Shubham Mukherjee Sonia Huria Souray Mishra Stuti Singh Sujit Patil Sumeet Chatterjee Sunaina Jairath Suresh Gaur Tinu Cherian Tuhina Pandey Udit Pathak Vandana Shenoy Vignesh Nair Vikram Kharvi Vineet Handa Xavier Prabhu

Data is verified and accurate as of May 17th, 2023

All names listed in alphabetical order



The SMILE List 2023



ANIL MASCARENHAS 360 ONE



in	Y
anilmascarenhas	anmasc
Followers	Followers
16,383	4,922
Engagement	Engagement
819.15	98.44
Power	Power
5.67	4.7

ANSHUL SUSHIL

Wizikey



in anshulsushil	AnshulSushil
Followers 6,824	Followers 3,771
Engagement	Engagement
341.2	75.42
Power	Power
6.33	4

DILIP CHERIAN

Perfect Relations



IN dilipcherian
Followers 10,999
Engagement 549.95
Power 7.67

in

harshendra

Followers

10,740

537

Power

7

Engagement

dilipthecherian Followers 56,809

Engagement 1136.18 Power

8.3

GIRISH BALACHANDRAN

On Purpose



girish-balachandran-he-his-6935851

in

Girisham1

Followers Followers 3,667 3,050 Engagement Engagement 61 183.35 Power Power 4.33 4

HARSHENDRA VERDHAN IFFCO



iamharshendra

Followers 7,577

Engagement 151.54 Power

6.7

HIMANSHU RAJ Pristyn Care



in himanshuraj

Followers

4,860

243

Power

4.33

Engagement

Lordchewbarka

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Followers

3,345

Engagement

66.9 Power 6

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KOMAL LATH Tute Consult



in	V
komallath	Komall
Followers	Followers
8,774	3,520
Engagement	Engagement
438.7	70.4
Power	Power
5	4.7

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KUMAR MANISH

Communicate Karo



in kumarmanish9	k
Followers	F

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5,900 Engagement 295 Power 5.33

Followers 27,575 Engagement 551.5 Power

9

KUNAL KISHORE

Value 360 Communications



in kunal-kishore-a6a0852 Followers 11,296 Engagement 564.8 Power 5.33

> in nikhildey

9,260

463 Power

5

Engagement

KunalKishore24

Followers 2,484 Engagement 49.68

Power

4

MINARI SHAH

Amazon



minari-shah-2762394	MinariShah
Followers 11,741	Followers 2,242
Engagement 587.05	Engagement 44.84

Power

5.67

224.3

Power

4.33

Power 5.7

NIKHIL DEY Adfactors PR



deydreaming Followers

Followers 2,674 Engagement

53.48 Power

5

NITIN MANTRI Avian WE



in nitinmantri	y nitinmantri
Followers	Followers
4,486	3,821
Engagement	Engageme

Engagement 76.42 Power 5.3

PARTHA GHOSH





partha-ghosh- 35887a9	heyyparth
Followers 13,250	Followers 6,464
Engagement 662.5	Engagement 129.28
Power 6.33	Power 6.3

RAJNEESH KUMAR

Flipkart



in	y
rajneeshkumar	rajneeeshkumar
Followers 18,157	Followers 9,471
Engagement	Engagement
907.85	189.42
Power 5.67	Power 6.7

ROHIT BANSAL

Reliance Industries



in therohitbansal Followers 14,512 Engagement 725.6 Power 7.67

theRohitBansal

Followers 27,543 Engagement 550.86 Power

9

SAMIR KAPUR

Adfactors PR



samirkapur Followers 17,683 Engagement

in

884.15

Power

5

samir_kapur

Followers 7,656 Engagement 153.12

Power 5.3

shreyakrishnan_

Followers

2,691

Engagement

SEEMA AHUJA Biocon



in seemaahuja66

Followers

5,740

Power

5

Engagement 287

Followers 2,084

SeemaAhuja1

Engagement 41.68 Power

5.7

SHREYA KRISHNAN

Aon



in shreya-krish-nan-3190098

Followers 18,696

Engagement 934.8

Power

5

53.82 Power 5

SHUBHAM MUKHERJEE

ICICI Prudential Life



in shubham-mukher- jee-199b337	Shubhm
Followers 11,016	Followers 4,024
Engagement	Engagement
550.8	80.48
Power	Power
5.67	6

SOURAV MISHRA

IIFL



in souravmishra	souravmishra1
Followers 31,339	Followers 2,975
Engagement	Engagement
1566.95	59.5
Power	Power
9.33	5.7

SURESH GAUR

PR4U



in sureshgaur Followers 20,531 Engagement 1026.55 Power 9

in

Engagement

1280.05

Power

7.67

sureshgaur56

Followers 1,437 Engagement 28.74 Power

4.3

TINU CHERIAN

UST Global



in tinucherian Followers 15,056 Engagement 752.8 Power

8

in

Followers

18,576

928.8

Power

6.33

Engagement

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tinucherian

Followers 379218 Engagement 7584.36 Power

10

VIKRAM KHARVI

Adfactors PR



vikramkharvi vikramkharvi Followers Followers 25,601

13,043 Engagement 260.86 Power

7

VINEET HANDA

Kaizzen



vineet-handa-250024a vineetalways Followers

1,067

Engagement 21.34

Power 4.3

XAVIER PRABHU



in	y
xavierprabhu	xavierprabhu
Followers	Followers
30,425	1,147
Engagement	Engagement
1521.25	22.94
Power	Power
8.33	4.3





DEEPA DEY Hindustan Unilever



in deepa-dey-14a1b34	ddey67
Followers	Followers
2,693	2,155
Engagement	Engagement
134.65	43.1
Power	Power
3	5.7

GIRISH HURIA

Avian WE



in girish-huhuriagirish ria-6b84a915 Followers Followers 2,653 1,031 Engagement Engagement 20.62 132.65 Power Power 3 4.3

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HARSHA RAMACHANDRA

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Tata Sons



in hramachandra Followers 2,687 Engagement 134.35 Power 2.67

taprichai

Followers 2,337 Engagement 46.74 Power 4.7

HITESH RAJ BHAGAT

Truecaller



in hiteshrajbhagat

Followers

3,769

Power

3



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hiteshrajbhagat

Followers 12,112 Engagement 188.45 Power

Engagement 242.24

7.7

MELISSA ARULAPPAN

Target India



in marulappan meltwith Followers Followers 7,194 1,166 Engagement Engagement 23.32 359.7 Power Power 3.67 4.3

RAHUL RAKESH Adfactors PR



in rahulrakesh

2,877

Power

2.67

rahulrakesh

4.3

Followers Followers 1,817 Engagement Engagement 143.85 36.34 Power

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RAKESH THUKRAL





in rakesh-RakeshThukral thukral-a62744 Followers Followers 2,473 2,576 Engagement Engagement 128.8 49.46 Power Power 2.67 5

ROHAN VYAVAHARKAR

Omidyar Network



vyavaharkar Followers 1,992 Engagement 39.84 Power 5.3

RUCHICA TOMAR

Uber India & South Asia



ruchica-tomar-115a3328 Followers 1,358 Engagement

67.9 Power

2

in

ruchicatomar

Followers 14,581 Engagement

291.62 Power

7.7

SONIA HURIA

Amazon Prime Video



in sonia-huria-44610287 Followers 1,924 Engagement 96.2 Power Power 2.33

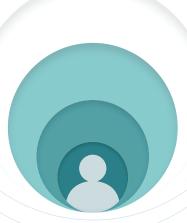


Followers

6,036 Engagement

120.72

4.3



Aficionados

AMAN DHALL

Comms Credible



in	y
amandhall	amandhall25
Followers 28,419	Followers 1,763
Engagement	Engagement
1420.95	35.26
Power	Power
7	2.7

AMAN GUPTA

SPAG-FINN Partners



in	y
aman-gupta-208618	saysaman
Followers 7,542	Followers 993
Engagement	Engagement
377.1	19.86
Power	Power
4.33	2

ANIRUDDHA BASU

L&T Tech Services



in aniruddha-basu-2928b422 Followers 5,802 Engagement 290.1 Power 6

in

7,600

380

Power

6

bose is boss

Followers 1,415 Engagement 28.3

Power

2

BHASKAR MAJUMDAR

Egis India



in https:in.linkedin. cominbhaskar-majum- dar-8655aa4	y probasibangali
Followers 19,691	Followers 6,102
Engagement	Engagement
984.55	122.04
Power	Power
8.67	3

BISWAJIT DASH

Kotak Mahindra Bank



biswajitdash79 biswajitdash79 Followers Followers

1,755 Engagement Engagement 35.1

Power 2.7

CHETAN MAHAJAN

Mavericks



in cmahajan

Followers

5,943

297.15

Power

4.33

Engagement

ChetanMahajan

Followers 1,456

Engagement 29.12 Power 1.7

CHHAVI LEEKHA IndiGo



in chhavileekha ChhaviLeekha Followers Followers 7,589 1,015 Engagement Engagement 20.3 379.45 Power Power 4.67 2

DNVKUMARAGURU Indian School of Business

in kumaraguru Followers 8,109 Engagement 405.45 Power 4

kumaraguru Followers 3,257 Engagement 65.14 Power 2.7

KIRAN VEIGAS

Happiest Minds



in kiranveigas Followers 28,084 Engagement 1404.2 Power

6.33

in

18,276

913.8

Power

6.67

Engagement

KiranVeigas

Followers 1,308 Engagement 26.16

Power

2.3

NEERAJ JHA

Bajaj Group



in jhaneerajk

Power

3

NeerajBajaj_Grp

Followers 8,702 Engagement 925.8

Followers 7,184 Engagement 21.4

Power 3

POOJA THAKRAN

Honeywell India



poojathakran poojathakran Followers

Followers 933 Engagement

18.66 Power

1

PRATEEK CHATTERJEE GMR Group



in prateekchatterjee

Followers

12,662

633.1

Power

5.33

Engagement



Followers

1,206

Engagement 24.12

Power 1.3

SARVESH TIWARI

PR Professionals



in sarvesh-tiwari- 0a532522	Sarveshsays
Followers 9,081	Followers 11,242
Engagement 454.05	Engagement 224.84
Power 4.67	Power 3.7
	sarvesh-tiwari- 0a532522 Followers 9,081 Engagement 454.05 Power

SHAILESH GOYAL

Simulations

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ShaileshGoyal

3

STUTI SINGH

Adfactors PR



in singhstuti
Followers 11,141
Engagement 557.05
Power 4.67

stuti1234

Followers 1,031 Engagement 20.62 Power

1.7

SUJIT PATIL

Godrej Industries



sujitpatilabc SujitPatil Followers 17,838 Engagement 891.9

Followers 2,032

Engagement 40.64

Power 3.7

TUHINA PANDEY

IBM India & South Asia



in	y
tuhina-pandey-tp19	tuhinapandey
Followers 7,643	Followers
Engagement	Engagement
382.15	24.18
Power 5.67	Power 2.7

UDIT PATHAK Media Mantra



in uditpathak

> Followers 5,947

Engagement

297.35

Power

4.67

in

Power

5.33



Followers

7,967

Engagement 159.34

Power 3.3



Pathfinders

AR HEMANT Bankbazaar



in	y
arhemant	arhemant
Followers 4,279	Followers 1,291
Engagement	Engagement
213.95	25.82
Power	Power
3	1.7

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ARCHANA JAIN

PR Pundit



in archa- na-jain-b858047	ajpundit
Followers 2,593	Followers 896
Engagement	Engagement
129.65	17.92
Power	Power
3.33	1.3

ASEEM SOOD





in aseemsood
Followers 2,095
Engagement 104.75
Power 2.67

aseemsood
Followers

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1,836 Engagement **36.72** Power

2.7

ASHWANI SINGLA



ATUL SHARMA Ruder Finn India



in atul-sharma-a62935	atulogical
Followers 2,106	Followers 1,058
Engagement 105.3	Engagement 21.16
Power 2.67	Power 2

BHARATENDU KABI Hero MotoCorp



in bharatendukabi

Followers

Power

3

bharatendukabi

Followers

3,779898EngagementEngagement188.9517.96

Power **2.7**

BOBY KURIAN SoftBank Investment Advisors

in drinkscircle	drinkcircle
Followers 2,493	Followers 1,954
Engagement 124.65	Engagement 39.08
Power 3.33	Power 3.7

CARSON DALTON

Coca Cola





Power

3

Power 1.7

DEEPSHIKHA DHARMARAJ

BCW India



in deepshikha-dharr raj-0430551
Followers 2,725
Engagement 136.25
Power 3.33

in

Power

3

madeepshikhad

> Followers 1,434 Engagement 28.68 Power

> > 1.3

Power

2.3

GEETAJ CHANNANA Vivo

in	y
geetaj	geetaj
Followers 2,962	Followers 1,305
Engagement	Engagement
148.1	26.1
Power	Power

KARAN BHUJBAL Instagram



karanbhujbal kb_ideabaker Followers Followers 2,712 1,714 Engagement Engagement 34.28 135.6

KRISHNA VILASINI BHARADWAJ

LOreal India



in krishnavilasini

Followers

2,768

138.4

Power

2.67

Engagement

2.67



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1.3

Followers

1,107

Engagement 22.14

Power 1.3

MOU CHAKRAVORTY Deloitte India



in mouchakravorty mouchakravorty Followers Followers 5,340 1,147 Engagement Engagement 267 22.94 Power Power 3.67 1

NEHA BAHRI

Bconnect Communications



in	y
nehasawhney	sawhneyneha
Followers 7,429	Followers 1,269
Engagement	Engagement
371.45	25.38

ment 25.38 Power 1.7

POOJA TREHAN

Sports for All (SFA)



in poojatrehan Followers 1,672 Engagement 83.6 Power 3

in

4

poojabd

Followers 2,246 Engagement 44.92 Power

2.7

1.3

PREETI JUNEJA

Dreamweb



in preetimehrajuneja

Followers

4,280

214

Power

3.67

Engagement

Power

3.67

https://mobile.twitter.

com/preetijuneja Followers 2,028 Engagement

40.56 Power

2.3

PRIYA PATANKAR Phone Pe



patankarpriya priyeah13 Followers Followers 8,545 891 Engagement Engagement 427.25 17.82 Power Power

PUNEET GUPTA

INOX Leisure



in puneet48

Followers

2,450

122.5

Power

2.67

Engagement

puneet48

Followers

1,445 Engagement

28.9 Power 2.7

RASHMI SONI Vistara



in rashmi-soni-scp- m%C2%AE-227ba51	y rashmi0108
Followers 1,599	Followers 1,288
Engagement	Engagement
79.95	25.76
Power 2.33	Power 1.3

SENJAM RAJ SEKHAR

Mobile Premier League



SUMEET CHATTERJEE

Larsen & Toubro



in sumeetchatterjee
Followers 3,190
Engagement 159.5
Power 3

in

1.67

sumchatter Followers 1,390

Engagement

27.8

Power

1.3

SUNAINA JAIRATH CRED

in sunasunainaiairath ina-jairath-4421b35 Followers Followers 7,202 1,246 Engagement Engagement 360.1 24.92 Power Power 3.33 3.3

VANDANA SHENOY Oracle



vandanashenov Followers 919 1,207 Engagement 60.35 Power

vandanashenov

Followers

Engagement 18.38

Power 1.3

VIGNESH NAIR Loreal India



in vigneshnair4789 vigim4789 Followers

3,569

178.45

Power

3.33

Engagement

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Followers 1,735 Engagement 34.7

Power

2.3

About The Panel

A panel of experts reviewed the methodology and the influencers' list and ratified them.



KARTHIK SRINIVASAN

Karthik is a social media and digital marketing expert with experience of over 16 years across social media/digital communications, corporate communications and public relations. He is a well-known thought leader in India's social media/social business space. He is also a communications consultant and has worked with organizations/NGOs/non-profits/start-ups to help plan their communications strategies across industries like technology, finance and consumer goods. Karthik is also a published author and in his book, "Be Social: Building Brand YOU Online", he talks about what it takes to build one's brand on social media.



SHRAVANI DANG

A senior communications and CSR leader with over two decades of quantifiable achievements, Shravani's expertise lies in communications, stakeholder management, brand positioning and change management strategies to transform organizations and positively influence conversations and perceptions about them. Her experience base spans multinational companies across technology, financial, not-for-profit and industrial sectors.

You can reach Shravani at LinkedIn.

You can reach Karthik at LinkedIn and Twitter



KS NARAHARI

Narahari is a corporate communications professional with over four decades in the field. He is currently a senior consultant at The PRactice. He has led several global communication initiatives in his career at organizations such as Wipro, IBM, Dell, and Texas Instruments. The Public Relations Council of India recognized his contribution to the profession by inducting him into its Hall of Fame in 2011. He also received the Fulcrum Lifetime Achievement Award at the PRAXIS conference in 2017.

You can reach Narahari at LinkedIn and Twitter



Hemant Gaule

Hemant Gaule is the Dean of the School of Communications & Reputation, leading India's only Independent Institute of Public Relations (scoreindia.org). He is also responsible for creating the first community of PR and Communications professionals from South Asia. With diverse experience in corporate and brand communications and a focus on digital engagement, he has consulted for private sector entities, social, political and intellectual properties and government departments. In 2019, the ASEAN PR Network honored him as a Fellow Accredited Public Relations Practitioner.

You can reach Hemant at LinkedIn and Twitter

About The PRactice



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Disclaimer:

The report attempts to showcase the relative social media influencing power held by PR and communication professionals. The data for this exercise has been taken from June 2022 to May 2023. Only LinkedIn and Twitter have been considered. The PRactice has developed the methodology and The Power Grid.