

Former President of Estonia Toomas Hendrik Ilves Joins BLS International as Global Strategic Advisor

- Following Scott Morrison's recent appointment, BLS International further expands its global strategic leadership to support its next phase of growth
- Strengthening its Global Advisory Board with distinguished international leaders with a focus on global expansion

New Delhi, 21 September 2026 - BLS International Services Limited, a leading global AI-driven technology and trusted digital services partner for governments and citizens, announces the appointment of Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Former President of Estonia, as its Global Strategic Advisor.

The appointment of Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves follows the recent appointment of former Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Scott Morrison, as Global Strategic Advisor, further strengthening BLS International's Global Advisory Board.

A renowned statesman and technology advocate, Mr. Ilves served as President of Estonia from 2006 to 2016 across two terms, following a distinguished career spanning diplomacy, government, international institutions and technology policy. He is widely recognized for championing Estonia's advanced digital development and e-governance, turning his country into one of the world's most advanced digital societies during his term in office. His longstanding engagement with e-government, cybersecurity and digital transformation aligns closely with BLS International's focus on enabling more accessible, secure and efficient citizen services.

With over two decades of experience, BLS International has built a strong global position in visa, consular and citizen services, with operations spanning more than 100 countries and serving 46 client governments. Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves' deep understanding of digital transformation and e-governance, along with his recognition of India's Digital India journey, brings a valuable perspective to the company's next phase of growth. His strategic insights, combined with BLS International's technology-led capabilities and extensive experience in delivering government and citizen services at scale, will create new opportunities to advance innovation, strengthen service delivery and drive sustainable global growth.

On the joining of Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves at BLS International, Mr. Shikhar Aggarwal, Joint Managing Director, BLS International, said, "We are entering an important new phase in our growth journey, with a clear ambition to expand our global presence and further strengthen our engagement with governments and stakeholders. We have built a strong team and an accomplished group of advisors who bring valuable experience and diverse perspectives to the organisation. We are delighted to welcome H.E. Toomas Hendrik Ilves as our Global Strategic Advisor, as we continue to build our position as a trusted partner to governments and citizens around the world."

Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Global Strategic Advisor to BLS International and Former President of Estonia, said, "India's remarkable digital transformation and its focus on building technology-led, citizen-centric public services have created a model that is attracting global attention. The country's progress in building digital public infrastructure and enabling more efficient and accessible public services offers valuable lessons for the world. BLS International is a company that reflects this progressive approach and is well positioned to take their service capabilities to a wider global audience. I am pleased to partner with BLS and look forward to supporting its ambition to scale globally and contribute to the evolution of secure, efficient citizen-centric services around the world."

BLS International has reported a strong performance for FY26, with consolidated revenue of INR 2,998 crore, registering a 36.7% year-on-year growth, while net profit stood at INR 724 crore, up 34.1% year-on-year. The strong performance reflects the strength of BLS International's global operations and technology-led service model, as the company continues to expand its reach and deliver secure, transparent and citizen-centric services worldwide.

About BLS International Services Limited:

BLS International Services Ltd. is a trusted global tech-enabled services partner for governments and citizens, having an impeccable reputation for setting benchmarks in the domain of visa, passports, consular, citizen, e-governance, attestation, biometric, e-visa, and retail services since 2005.

The company is recognized as "India's Most Valuable Companies" by Business Today Magazine, "Best under a Billion' Company" by Forbes Asia, and ranked among "Fortune India's Next 500 companies". The company works with over 46 client governments, including Diplomatic Missions, Embassies, and consulates, and leverages technology and processes that ensure data security. The Company now has an extensive network of more than 50,000+ centres globally, with a robust strength of over 60,000+ employees and associates that provide consular, biometrics, and citizen services.

BLS International is certified with CMMI Maturity Level 5 for DEV, SVC & Security (V3.0), ISO 9001:2015 for Quality Management Systems, ISO 27001:2013 for Information Security Management Systems, ISO 14001:2015 for Environmental Management Systems, and more.

BLS International is the only listed company in this domain with operations in over 100 countries. For more information, please visit www.blsinternational.com.

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