## 83 percentage of Indian Businesses See Tech Risks as Top Threat, Reveals TATA AIG and Dun and Bradstreet Report

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TATA AIG General Insurance Company Limited and Dun & Bradstreet India released the Horizon Watch Emerging Risk Report, a collaborative research effort identifying and analysing emerging risks that Indian businesses will face over the next five years. The report is based on a detailed survey conducted among 300 <u>business</u> leaders across 25 sectors, including IT & ITeS, Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals, Auto & Auto-ancillary and Financial Services among others.

The report highlights a rapidly changing risk landscape where technology advancements, geopolitical conflicts, legal challenges and other risks are forcing <u>businesses</u> to rethink their risk mitigation and business continuity strategies. 83% of <u>businesses</u> cited technological advancements as the leading driver of new risks, followed by 69% expressing concerns over legal challenges and 67% for growing regulatory pressures related to data privacy and environmental risks. Meanwhile, 63% expect <u>international conflicts to severely impact</u> their operations.

## **Key Insights from the Report**

<u>technology</u> Challenges: 83% of respondents identified

- technology advancements as a major risk factor, raising critical concerns around data privacy, security vulnerabilities, and regulatory compliance.
- Legal Challenges: 69% of <u>businesses</u> identify legal challenges as one of the leading contributors to emerging risks. As regulatory landscapes grow increasingly complex, organizations are becoming more concerned about the potential impact of <u>legal</u> disputes on their operations and long-term strategies.
- Regulatory Risks: 67% of <u>businesses</u> are concerned about data privacy and protection regulations, which rank among the top regulatory risks. Additionally, environmental regulations and compliance changes are emerging concerns as <u>businesses</u> struggle to navigate increasingly stringent requirement
- **Geopolitical Gaps**: While 63% of <u>businesses</u> recognize international conflicts as a significant risk, only 19% conduct regular assessments for geopolitical risks, leaving many companies vulnerable to unforeseen disruptions.
- Supply Chain Risks: 63% of respondents <u>ranked logistics</u> and <u>transportation disruptions</u> as a <u>top</u> concern. However, with ongoing geopolitical tensions and natural disasters, <u>businesses must strengthen</u> their resilience against supply chain vulnerabilities.
- Consumer Behaviour Shifts: 51% of <u>businesses</u> are worried about evolving consumer preferences, driven by demographic shifts and the increasing demand for sustainable and digital-first solutions. Companies must rapidly adapt to these changes to stay competitive.
- Financial Instability: 48% of <u>businesses</u> expressed concern over financial instability due to economic downturns, rising interest rates, and inflation, prompting companies to focus more on liquidity and risk management strategies.

The Horizon Watch <a>Emerging Risk Report</a> introduces the Impact-

Probability-Control (IPC) Framework, a structured methodology for assessing and mitigating emerging risks. It helps businesses prioritize risks based on their potential impact, likelihood of manifestation, and the effectiveness of control measures, providing decision-makers with a practical approach to risk mitigation.

Mr. Sushant Sarin, President — Commercial Business, TATA AIG General Insurance, stated, "At TATA AIG, we understand that in today's rapidly evolving global landscape, managing emerging risks is crucial to the <u>sustainability and growth</u> of any organization. Our aim is to empower organizations to anticipate emerging challenges, mitigate risks, and ensure <u>business</u> continuity, enabling them to thrive in an increasingly complex world. This <u>report provides a comprehensive framework to help businesses</u> identify and address risks, fostering resilience and enabling long-term growth.

Mr. Avinash Gupta, Managing Director of Dun & Bradstreet India, added, "Businesses today face unprecedented challenges in a rapidly changing landscape marked by geopolitical tensions, climate crises, and technological threats. The TATA AIG — Dun & Bradstreet Horizon Watch Report serves as a vital tool for organizations, offering insights through our Impact-Probability-Control framework. By identifying emerging risks and their implications, we empower businesses to navigate uncertainty with confidence, ensuring resilience in a world where adaptability is key to survival.

## **Understanding Emerging Risks**

In todays volatile <u>business</u> landscape, businesses must manage risks across political, technological, environmental, economic, and competitive forces. As benign risk <u>environments</u> fade, resiliency is key to thriving amid challenges. <u>Emerging risks are grouped</u> into four categories: Known Knowns (predictable risks), Known Unknowns (risks with uncertain timing), Unknown Knowns (unclear impacts from familiar areas),

and Unknown Unknowns (unforeseen risks). The <u>report shows 60% of businesses</u> manage Unknown Knowns, 43% address Known Unknowns, and 47% recognize Unknown Unknowns but are underprepared. Additionally, 53% overlook these unpredictable threats, underscoring the need for stronger <u>risk management strategies</u>.

To view the full report, follow this link: <u>Horizon Watch</u> <u>Emerging Risk Report</u>.