

Amazon India's top executive to return to US

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Samir Kumar, VP of category management at Amazon India, who was part of the team that set up India operations of the e-commerce giant in 2013, will be moving back to its headquarters in Seattle, sources familiar with the matter told TOI. Kumar was counted among the 'powerful trio' at Amazon India comprising also Amit Agarwal, the country head, and Amit Deshpande, who was heading the seller's business.

Kumar has been driving all the brand partnerships at Amazon India and was instrumental in striking exclusive brand launches across categories like One Plus, Xiaomi, Fitbit, Lenovo phones, Microsoft's Xbox, Whirlpool's Kitchen Aid brand, Philips, GOQii among others. Another member of the troika, Deshpande, too, moved back to the US middle of last year and was replaced by Gopal Pillai who was then the general manager, consumer electronics at Amazon.