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Gadjendra Sarma is a former senior defence and security official with over three decades of experience across government, international institutions, and innovation leadership. A retired Colonel, he has held senior roles within the French Ministry of Defence, the Gendarmerie Nationale, and the Delegation Générale pour l'Armement (DGA), including serving as Chief Scientific Officer of the Gendarmerie Nationale, where he led large-scale technological modernisation and innovation programmes.

His career spans strategic policy development, defence procurement, international diplomacy, crisis management, and rule-of-law missions in Europe, the Balkans, Africa, and Asia, working closely with the European Union, NATO, the United Nations, and the OSCE. He has also served in ministerial cabinets, parliamentary missions, and senior advisory roles shaping defence legislation and institutional reform.

He is currently the Founder and President of Pegase Iroise, a France-based company supporting and accelerating start-ups in the defence and security sectors, while remaining active in the Gendarmerie Nationale reserve. A graduate of ENSTA ParisTech, he is fluent in French and English, speaks Tamil, and has been awarded several national honours, including the Légion d'Honneur and the Ordre National du Mérite.