

## **ANTS – Industry panel discussion – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec (Monday)**

### **Panel Members – Transforming for the Digital Age**

Sruthi Kannan , Vadi Bhatt – Cisco

Subhash Mondal (Wipro), Prof. Navin Kumar (Amrita University - Blore)

Subodh (Cisco) – Panel Moderator



#### **Panel Profiles:**

Panelist 1: Subhash Mondal.

Chief Architect – 5G , CTO Team – Wipro

Subhas is the chief Architect for 5G at Wipro Limited. He is driving the architecture for the end to end 5G solutions across all the industry segments that Wipro cater to. Subhas is a Distinguished member of technical staff, IEEE Senior member and an IEEE distinguished speaker under Bangalore chapter.

He holds 2 granted patents with more patent applications under processing. Subhas is an engineering graduate from IIT Kharagpur in Electronics and Electrical communication engineering.

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Panelist 2: Sruthi Kannan

Head – Cisco LaunchPad

Sruthi runs the Cisco LaunchPad startup accelerator. She works with startups for co-creating end to end digital solutions focused on technology areas like IoT, Collaboration, Security, Network and Infra, Analytics, etc. Through LaunchPad, she supports startups in their entrepreneurial journey by providing access to a wide gamut of resources including Mentorship, Grants, Technology Support, Investor Connects and Customer Access.

Prior to Cisco LaunchPad, she worked with Tier 1 Telecom providers around the world implementing and deploying 2G, 3G and 4G solutions. Sruthi holds a Masters in Psychology and Bachelors in Computer Science Engineering.

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Panelist 3: Vadiraja Bhatt

Principal Engineer, Emerging Technology Solutions, UCS Group

Vadi leads the UCS Analytics, BigData and SmartCity solutions in India. He has 20+ years of experience in developing and architecting Enterprise solutions.

Vadi's expertise include Enterprise Database design , Enterprise application design and performance engineering. His team has been designing and developing best practices various enterprise applications solutions on UCS . His team also publishes industry standard benchmark numbers like TPC and SPEC on the UCS platform. Prior to joining Cisco, Vadi was a Technical

Director at SAP, working on Database products like ASE and IQ in the area of performance engineering.

He holds 6 US patents to his credit in the area of Database design. He holds Masters degree from IIT, Mumbai in Computer Science and Engineering

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Assoc. Prof. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (University), Bangalore

Chair, ComSoc Bangalore Chapter.

Sr. Member IEEE, IET(UK), IAENG(HK), IETE, IE(India)  
Global ICT Standardization Forum for India (GISFI)

Dr Navin has over 20 years of industry and teaching experience which includes around 10 years of overseas experience in teaching and research and development.

He has over 50 peer review journals and conference proceedings along with a book and book chapter. He has worked on many international EU projects. Currently he is an Associate Professor in ECE Dept. of Amrita School of Engineering, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Bangalore Campus. He often delivers tutorial and talk at major events including flagship conference IEEE ICC, WCNC. His research areas are 5G Wireless Technology, mmWave Technology, Visible Light Communications, Intelligent Transportation Systems and Smart City

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Moderator: Subodh Gajare.

Senior Architect – Service Provider, IoT, SDN, Cloud & Mobility – Cisco

Core responsibilities include - Design and implementing solutions for Service provider and Enterprises – based on SDN/NFV, IoT, Mobility (5G transformation), Security, Cloud, designing/w Orchestration platforms for end-2-end management of networks.

Subodh is a Technical Leader for incubating IoT industry solutions – in Digital Manufacturing, Smart Cities, Health care, Education, Energy and Transportation. He works as trusted advisor for city and government officials for incubating Smart cities solutions and use cases. He is passionate for transforming legacy networks to programmable infrastructure for solving business challenges.

He is responsible for grooming future Technical leaders/Solution Architects in Cisco. He speaks at Cisco Technical leadership Forum globally and in industry summits – for SDN, SP- Solutions, Digitization and Security. Subodh is a regular contributor to IEEE, IETF and ITU forums and a IEEE-Distinguished speaker.

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