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- **Shri Pradeep Singh Kharola**, IAS (Retd.), CMD, India Trade Promotion Organisation*

TELECOM & CONNECTIVITY

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Panel discussion: Connecting India: From 5G leader to 6G game changer

- The transition from 5G to 6G: Progress made so far on developing the 6G vision and roadmap
- Role of emerging technologies such as AI and quantum computing in shaping the 6G ecosystem
- Overcoming challenges and fostering collaboration
- Regulatory frameworks needed to facilitate 6G adoption
- Bridging the telecom talent demand-supply gap

- **Lt Gen. Dr. S. P. Kochhar**, Director General, Cellular Operators Association of India
- **Dr. R. K. Upadhyay**, CEO, C-DoT
- **Peter Jarich**, Head of Intelligence, GSMA
- **Manoj Gurnani**, CTO, Nokia India
- **T.V. Sriram**, APAC Lead, Cloud First Networks, Accenture Technology, Accenture
- **Rajesh Chharia**, President, ISPAI (Internet Service Providers Association of India)
- **Premjeet Lal**, ED, ITPO*

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TELECOM & CONNECTIVITY

12:00 PM – 01:00 PM

Panel discussion: Transforming India's Future: The Role of DPI in Empowering a Digital-First Nation

- How can Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) catalyse India's journey to becoming an $8-tn economy by 2030?
- Promoting Financial and Social Inclusion Through DPI
- Overcoming Key Challenges in DPI Implementation
- Strategic Partnerships for DPI Adoption
- Building a Secure, Scalable, and Resilient Digital Infrastructure

- **Sanket Bhondve**, IAS Jt Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & IT, Government of India*
- **Anita Mittal**, ID4D and Social Protection Consultant, World Bank Group
- **Major Ranjeet Goswami,** Global Head for Corporate Affairs Tata Consultancy Services Ltd*
- **Rajiv Bansal**, CEO, National Institute for Smart Government (NISG)*
- **Samit Shah**, President, Drone Federation of India*

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM **Networking Lunch**

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM

Panel discussion: Satcom: The Untapped Opportunity Shaping India's Digital Future
- Growth potential of satellite communication in rural and remote India
- Integration of Satcom with 5G networks for enhanced connectivity
- Regulatory and policy challenges affecting the growth of Satcom in India
- Emerging business models and investment opportunities in the Satcom industry

- Session chair: **Lt Gen AK Bhatt (Retd)**, Director General, Indian Space Association (ISpA)
- **Nishtha Kapoor**, Eutelsat Oneweb Regional Director India, SAARC, Africa
- **Sonali Nanda**, Dy Director, IN-SPACe
- **Dr Olivier Fink**, Dy Head of Mission, Embassy Of Switzerland to India*
- **Jitendra Ahuja**, NELCO Head, Product & Sales*

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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

03:00 PM – 04:00 PM

Panel discussion: How AI will shape India's Tech-Ade
- CEOs and AI: A strong partnership ahead
- How the combination of AI and 5G will accelerate advancements
- Addressing the rise of deepfake technology and AI's role in security
- AI-driven solutions for solving unique challenges in the Indian market

- **Rahul Vatts,** Chief Regulatory Officer, Bharti Airtel Limited
- **Rahul Lodhe**, Head of Engineering for SAP Business AI, SAP
- **Bharat Bhatia**, President, ITU-APT Foundation of India
- **Vinod Karumampoyil**, Leader – Digital Transformation, CISCO
- **Dr. Marco Marechal**, CEO, Connected Strategische Veranderingsprocessen BV, Netherlands
- **Piyush Somani**, President, Cloud Computing Innovation Council of India (CCICI)
- **Geeta Gurnani**, IBM Technology CTO and Technical Sales Leader, IBM India South Asia*

04:00 PM – 05:00 PM

Panel discussion: The Convergence of IoT, 5G, and AI: A New Era for Digital Innovation

- How these three pillars are reshaping several key industries
- Convergence to create a smarter, more efficient, and interconnected world
- Addressing data privacy and security challenges
- Use cases across industries

- **Mohan Raju**, Vice President & Vertical Head IOT, Jio Platforms Limited
- **Udayan Kanade**, CEO, Oneirix Labs
- **Shweta Bajpai**, Group Director India - FS, Media, Travel, RE & Services, Meta
- **Hasit Trivedi**, President, Chief Digital and AI Officer, Firstsource
- **Manoj Kumar Singh**, DG, Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA)
- **Rajeev Ranjan Kumar**, GenAI Practice Head, Wipro
- **A. Dhanalakshmi**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Science & Technology*
- **Davesh Tyagi**, CEO, National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)*

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BROADCAST (CURATED BY AVISHKAR MEDIA)

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01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	**Networking Lunch**

ELECTRONICS (CURATED BY ICEA)

02:00 PM – 02:45 PM

Panel discussion: Innovation, Self-Reliance, and Growth: The Journey of Domestic Champions in Electronics

Speakers TBD

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Panel discussion: Industrial Electronics & Automation in India: Synergizing Growth & Opportunities

Speakers TBD

04:00 PM - 04:30 PM

Fireside Chat

- Moderator: **Pankaj Mohindroo**, Chairman, ICEA
- **Aman Gupta**, Co-Founder & CMO, boAt

04:30 PM – 05:30 PM

MOBILE INDIA AWARDS

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21 MARCH 2025 (DAY 3)

FINTECH

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Panel discussion:** How Digital Can Bridge the Gap in MSME Lending?

- What's the reason behind this huge credit gap for MSMEs?
- Impact of digitization and fintech innovations on MSME financing
- Measures taken by regulators to secure consumer interests while fostering growth
- Future directions, potential opportunities and challenges ahead

- **Dr. Sindhu Bhaskar**, Chairman & CEO, EST Global Inc
- **S Anand**, CEO, PaySprint
- **Rohit Taneja**, Founder & CEO, Decentro
- **Prashant Ganti**, VP - Global Strategy and Alliances, Finance Suite, Zoho*
- **Hemant Gala**, CEO, PhonePe Lending*

11:00 AM – 11:10 AM **Keynote:** AI-Fueled Fintech: The Data-Driven Convergence of Meta Industries

- **Prashant Ganti**, VP - Global Strategy and Alliances, Finance Suite, Zoho

11:10 AM – 12:00 PM **Panel discussion:** Blueprint for the Next Decade of Finance

- How the BFSI sector can empower India to achieve its goal to becoming a multi-trillion-dollar economy
- Future of financial services with AI and ML Fintech
- What we can expect to change, obstacles we need to prepare for, and exciting opportunities to come
- The evolution of identity verification technologies
- The role of digital identity platforms in reducing fraud

- **Sanjiv Bajaj**, Jt. Chairman & MD, BajajCapital
- **KV Dipu**, Senior President, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- **Raj Kapoor**, Founder, India Blockchain Alliance
- **Sumit Chopra**, Chief Transformation Officer, PineLabs*
- **Ganesh Ananthanarayanan**, COO, Airtel Payments Bank*

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FINTECH

12:00 PM – 12:10 PM

Keynote: Leveraging AI to Enhance Customer Experiences and Personalization in Banking

- **Damir Battulin**, Director of Digital Channels Development, Senior Vice President, Head of the Alfa-Bank Department at the Higher School of Economics

12:10 PM – 01:00 PM

Panel discussion: AI In Fintech: Driving Innovation and Defining the 2025 Financial Landscape

- Harnessing AI to Maintain Competitive Advantage in an Evolving Financial Landscape
- Expanding financial inclusion in rural and underserved communities
- Leveraging AI to Enhance Customer Experiences and Personalization in Banking
- Utilizing AI for Streamlined Digital Onboarding, Risk Assessment, and Fraud Prevention

- **Damir Battulin**, Director of Digital Channels Development, Senior Vice President, Head of the Alfa-Bank Department at the Higher School of Economics
- **Nimisha J Vadakkan**, Managing Director & CEO, Radiant Acemoney
- **Jairam Sridharan, MD, Piramal Finance**
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INTERNET OF THINGS

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Panel discussion: AIoT (Artificial Intelligence of Things): Exploring a powerful Technological synergy

- How AI boosts IoT through automation and smart decision-making
- AI's role in analyzing IoT data for actionable insights
- AI's role in improving IoT security
- Real-world uses of AI and IoT in various sectors

- **Dr Ajay Singh**, Global Director and Head of AI, HCLTech
- **Sudhir Kunder**, Chief Business Officer, De-Cix India
- **Atul Kumar**, Director, Data Security Council of India
- **Amit Choudhary**, CPTO, Ecom Express Limited
- **Vishal Badshah**, VP – Operations, Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles*
- **Dr. Anita Gupta**, Head – CEST, Minister of Science & Technology*

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

Workshop: Conversational Commerce

- **Shweta Bajpai**, Group Director India - FS, Media, Travel, RE and Services, Meta
- **Sharanbir Kaur**, Client Partner - BFSI, Travel & Real Estate, Meta

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Panel discussion: Quantum Computing: The jet fuel to power AI's growth

- How Quantum Computing can enhance AI algorithms
- Using Quantum Computing to accelerate the design and testing of new products
- How Quantum Computing Can Accelerate India's Path to Viksit Bharat
- Predictions for the future of Quantum Computing and AI integration
- Ethical implications of advanced AI powered by Quantum Computing
- How close are we to a Quantum Computing revolution?

- **L Venkata Subramaniam**, IBM Quantum India Leader
- **Sachin Punyani** - Principal BD & Quantum Computing Evangelist, Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- **Ritesh Mohan Srivastava**, Chief AI Officer. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd
- **Dr. Umakant Rapol** – Professor, IISER Pune
- **Dr. Jitendra Singh** - Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences, GoI*
- **Dr. M Senthil Kumar** - Group Director, Space Application Center, ISRO*

03:00 PM – 04:00 PM

Panel discussion: Will India be the next semiconductor superpower?

- India aims to become a key player in the global semiconductor industry and achieve trillion-dollar growth milestones
- Government support and international collaboration
- What are the emerging gaps and opportunities in semiconductor supply chains?

- **Hitesh Garg**, VP and India Country Manager, NXP Semiconductors
- **Sanjay Gupta**, Chief Development Officer & Global Head of Engineering, L&T Semiconductor Technologies
- **Suraj Rengarajan**, MD & Head Semiconductor Products Group (SPG), Applied Materials India
- **Dr. V Veerappan**, Chairman, Indian Electronics and Semiconductors Association*

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

04:00 PM – 05:00 PM

Panel discussion: Cloud 3.0: Harnessing Data, Edge, and Innovation for Tomorrow's Infrastructure

- Connecting the Dots: What happens when data, edge, and the cloud join forces in your tech ecosystem?
- What's the Edge's secret sauce for real-time wins?
- Data Cloud: is it the game changer in data management and analytics? How can data cloud solutions simplify your data challenges and boost your analytics game?
- From talk to walk: Real-life tales of cloud, edge, and data cloud implementation

- **Hardik Sanghvi**, Founder & Managing Director, VMukti
- **Sunil Khatana**, CTO, CloudPhotonix (India) Pvt. Ltd
- **Dr. Sayed Peerzade**, Executive Vice President – Cloud, Jio Platforms Limited (JPL)
- **Lalit Bansal**, Founder & CEO, Revolutions.ai

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20 MARCH 2025 (DAY 2)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Panel discussion: **DeepSeek and the AI Disruption: Rethinking the Future of Large Language Models**

- The DeepSeek Revolution: What Makes It Different
- Democratizing AI Development
- Future of Open-Source AI vs. Proprietary AI
- New Business Models for AI Development
- India's Role in the Changing AI Landscape

- **Nikhil Sinha**, Director, UIDAI
- **Shubhradeep Nandi**, Chief Data Scientist- Data Analytics Unit, Government of Andhra Pradesh
- **Nikhil Malhotra**, Chief Innovation Officer, Tech Mahindra
- **Anurag Jain**, Global Head - Telecom Engineering Practice (OEM, TSP and Datacenter), HCL Tech
- **Arjun Nagulapally**, CTO, AIonOS

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

12:00 PM – 01:00 PM **Panel discussion:** AI in Action: Real-World Use Cases Transforming Industries

- AI in Healthcare: AI-driven diagnostics, robotic surgeries, personalized medicine, and telehealth
- AI in Finance: Fraud detection, risk assessment, AI-powered customer service, and algorithmic trading
- AI in Agriculture: Precision farming, AI-driven irrigation, yield prediction, and supply chain optimization
- AI in Manufacturing (Industry 4.0): AI-driven predictive maintenance, robotics in production, and digital twins
- AI in Smart Cities & Public Services: Traffic management, waste reduction, smart governance, and AI-driven citizen services
- Challenges in AI Deployment: Scalability, ethical concerns, infrastructure, and skill gaps

- **Amitabh Nag**, Chief Executive Officer, Digital India Bhashini Division (Bhashini), Digital India Corporation
- **Golak Simli**, Chief Technology Officer, Passport Seva Program 2.0 & ePassport, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
- **Dr Amit Kumar Jain**, Director Operations & Services, DMRC
- **Vivek Rajagopal**, Group CAIO, Narayana Health
- **Anand Das**, Chief digital & AI Officer - Engineering, TVS Motor Company
- **Dilip Manepalli**, Vice President, Vodafone
- **Alpan Raval**, Chief AI/ML Scientist, Wadhwani AI,
- **Sudhanshu Mittal**, Head & Director-Technical Solutions, NASSCOM

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM **Networking Lunch**

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SMART MOBILITY

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM

Panel discussion: **Designing Tomorrow's Mobility Ecosystem**

- How to solve the last-mile problem
- How to design urban transport to be accessible & sustainable
- How to create an intelligent transport system
- How to turn the tables on the road safety epidemic
- How to use technology to optimise traffic management
- How to ensure battery recycling

- **Sudhendu J. Sinha**, Adviser (Infra Connectivity & Electric Mobility), NITI Aayog, Govt of India
- **Srinivas Ganji**, Delivery Director, Urban Transportation, Arcadis
- **Ankit Kumar**, CEO, Skye Air Mobility
- **Anumita Roychowdhury**, Executive Director of Research and Advocacy, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)*
- **Dr. Laghu Parashar**, Senior Transport Specialist, World Bank*
- **Shalabh Goel**, Managing Director, NCRTC*
- **Sh. Anurag Jain**, Secretary (RT&H), MORTH*

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Panel discussion: **Is your next vehicle Connected & Electric?**

- What the latest chipsets & 5G mean for the connected vehicle platform
- Future of the vehicle E/E (Electrical / Electronic) architecture
- Is battery technology the current spoke in the wheel
- How AI & ML will reshape the in-vehicle experience
- How to secure your data in a connected vehicle ecosystem
- Is immersive multimedia safe on the go
- Should decarbonization be technology agnostic

Speakers TBD
- **Avinash Kale**, Director, System Applications Engineering – Automotive, Infineon Technologies India Pvt Ltd

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SMART MOBILITY

04:00 PM – 05:00 PM

Panel discussion: **How to overcome range anxiety?**

- How to create a viable charging ecosystem
- The importance of standardizing the vehicle charging port
- How to localize the charging ecosystem
- Is wireless charging a reality
- Is battery swapping the answer
- Is the key to reducing anxiety to actually increase range

- **Amit Das**, Country Manager & Strategic Advisor- Electromobility, DADB German
- **Avinash Sharma**, CEO & Co-Founder, ElectriPe
- **Ajay Shrivastava**, Associate Vice President, Road Transport, DIMTS
- **Akshay Singhal**, Founder and CEO, Log 9 Materials
- **Amit Bhatt**, Managing Director, International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT)

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21 MARCH 2025 (DAY 3)

CITY LEADERS CONCLAVE

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Panel discussion: Mission Accomplished? Reflecting on the Journey and Scaling Innovation for Future-Ready Smart Cities

- Milestones and achievements of the Smart Cities Mission (SCM)
- Analysis of completed projects, their impact on urban life
- Lessons learned from planning to implementation
- Evolving policy frameworks to sustain and expand smart city initiatives
- Governance structures that promote transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement
- Strategies to extend smart city initiatives beyond pilot projects

- **Venkata Subbarao Chunduru,** Director and Head, India Operations, IBI Group
- **CC. Lalchhuangkima,** MCS, Chief Executive Officer, Aizawl Smart City Ltd.
- **Syeda Afreen Banu S. Bellary**, KAS, Managing Director, Belagavi Smart City Limited
- **Aaditya Dachalwal**, IAS, Municipal Commissioner Ludhiana and CEO, Ludhiana Smart City Corporation
- **Satya Prakash**, IAS, Chief Executive Officer (Municipal Commissioner), Jhansi Smart City Limited
- **Amit Kumar (IAS)**, Director Cum CEO, Ranchi Smart City Corporation Limited
- **Neeraj Kumar Singh (IAS)**, Collector Ujjain and Chairman, Ujjain Smart City Limited
- **Ashwija BV, IAS**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Tumakuru Smart City Limited
- **Shekhar Singh, I.A.S**, Municipal Commissioner, Pimpri Chinchwad Smart City Limited

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Panel discussion: The Indian Smart Cities Mission: From Inception to Fruition

- The evolution of the Smart Cities Mission and its transformative impact on India's urban centers
- Leveraging IoT, AI, and data-driven solutions to improve urban management
- Sustainability and inclusivity as key priorities in smart city development
- Lessons learned from the mission and scaling best practices to other Indian cities.

- **Rahul Kapoor**, Govt of India
- **Durga Shankar Mishra**, Former Chief Secretary, Government of UP
- **Rajkumar Khatri**, SAS, Chief Executive Officer, Sagar Smart City
- **Th. Harikumar Singh**, CEO, Imphal Smart City Limited
- **Keshav Chandra, IAS**, Chairman, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)

12:00 PM – 01:00 PM

Fireside chat

- Moderator: **Barkha Dutt** Journalist
- **Radhika Gupta**, MD & CEO, Edelweiss Asset Management*

01:00 PM – 01:45 PM

Fireside chat: Women, Technology & The New India: Shaping the Future

- Moderator: **Barkha Dutt** Journalist
- **Smt. Smriti Irani**, Former Cabinet Minister, Government of India

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STARTUP HUB

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Inaugural session: Calibrating The Start-Up Story: Saleable, Scalable, Sustainable

- Navigating Post-Growth Challenges: The Roadblock Dilemma
- Building Saleable Start-ups: What Makes a Start-up Attractive to Investors?
- Scaling Responsibly: Balancing Growth and Operational Efficiency
- Sustainability Beyond Profit: Integrating Purpose with Profit

- **Rikant Pittie**, Co-founder & CEO, EaseMyTrip
- **Nabyendu Mandal**, Startup Program Lead (India & South Asia), Microsoft India
- **Gul Panag**, Entrepreneur, Actor, Producer*
- **Panneerselvam Madanagopal**, CEO, MeitY Startup Hub*
- **Astha Grover**, VP, Invest India*
- **Amey Mashelkar**, Head, JioGenEx*

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STARTUP HUB

12:00 PM – 01:00 PM　　**Panel discussion:** Exploring the Next Frontier: DeepTech Startups in India

- Building Ecosystem Collaborations: Research, Academia, and Industry Partnerships
- Talent and Skill Development: Bridging the Gap in DeepTech Expertise
- The Challenges and Opportunities in Scaling DeepTech Startups
- Funding DeepTech Innovation: Attracting Investors and Government Support

- **Ranjeet Shetye**, Venture Partner, YourNest
- **Ajay Singh**, Head - Technology and Innovation, Austrian Embassy - Commercial Section, New Delhi
- **Prajeet Prabhakaran**, Lead IT Strategist – Startups & SMEs High Power IT Advisory Committee, Government of Kerala
- **Raghudeep Madineni**, Head – Industry 4.0, Digital Manufacturing, Ather Energy
- **Surya Kant**, Program Director, MeitY Startup Hub
- **Mayuresh Raut**, SeaFund*
- **Sanjay Shah**, Chief Operating Officer, India & Southeast Asia, Wadhwani Foundation*
- **Gagan Sabharwal**, Senior Director, Nasscom*

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STARTUP HUB

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Panel discussion: Next-Gen Startup Funding: Navigating the Future of Investment

- How to Build Trust with Investors: Beyond the Pitch
- AI and Data-Driven Platforms: The Future of Investor-Startup Matching
- Funding Fundamentals: What Every Founder Needs to Know
- Impact and ESG Investing: The New Frontier in Startup Funding

- Moderator: **Ravi Ranjan**, Founder, Velocity 1
- **Vijay Singh Rathore**, Managing Partner, Soonicorn Ventures
- **Shubham Jhuria**, Partner & CFO, Aeravti Ventures
- **Ashwin Raguraman**, Co-founder & Partner, Bharat Innovation Fund
- **Girish Shivani**, ED, YourNest
- **Garima Seth**, Founder, Boon Capital Advisors
- **Dr. Sebastien Foucaud**, Director - Data & AI, SBSF Consultancy
- **Hemant Mohapatra**, Partner, Lightspeed India*
- **Prayank Swaroop**, Partner, Accel*

03:00 PM – 06:00 PM   **Investors Startup Meet**

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20 MARCH 2025 (DAY 2)

MOBILE & ACCESSORIES

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Panel discussion: Future Outlook: Premiumization of Mobile Handsets in India by 2030

- Rising disposable income and shifting consumer preferences
- Impact of local manufacturing on affordability and availability
- Brand positioning and marketing strategies of global brands
- Global brands' adaptation to Indian consumer behavior and preferences

- **Pranay Rao**, Marketing Director, India, Nothing
- **Col. Suhail Zaidi**, Director General, Manufacturers' Association for Information Technology
- **Prabhu Ram**, VP - Industry Research Group, CyberMedia Research
- **Sumit Singh**, Head of Product, Lava International Ltd
- **Jerome Chen**, CMO&VP, VIVO*
- **Varun Papneja**, Lead - Retail Marketing, OPPO*
- **Arijeet Talapatra**, CEO, Tecno Mobile*
- **Rajesh Agarwal**, MD, Micromax Informatics Ltd.*
- **Pradeep Jain**, MD & Director, Karbonn Mobile*
- **Narendra Bansal**, CMD, Intex Technologies (India) Ltd*
- **Gurdeep Singh Suddan**, Founder, Magicon Impex (Jivi Mobiles)*
- **Subhagata Mukherjee**, VP, Global Head of Sustainability at Nokia*
- **Sumit Singh**, Head of Products, Lava International*
- **T M Narasimhan**, MD, Motorola India*

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MOBILE & ACCESSORIES

12:00 PM – 01:00 PM

Panel discussion: Leveraging "Make in India" for the Mobile Accessory Market

- The opportunity for India to lead in mobile accessory manufacturing
- How Indian manufacturers can innovate in accessories to cater to global markets
- Understanding the growing demand for eco-friendly mobile accessories worldwide
- Overcoming challenges in manufacturing and distribution to meet global demand for mobile accessories

- Moderator: **Rajjat Kharbanda**, Research Director, 6W Research
- **Aayushmaan Wassan**, MD, Callmate
- **Varun Aggarwal**, Founder and CEO, Mobatree
- **Ashish Sachdeva**, MD, DDS International
- **Amit Goel**, Founder & MD, Innotech Advance Machines
- **Midhula Devabhaktuni**, Co-Founder, CMO, MiVi*
- **Sanjeev Bhatia**, Founder & Chairman, Adcom India*
- **Suresh Balaji**, Country Manager, India, Alogic*
- **Milan Agarwal**, Director, Amson Interconnect*

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM

Panel discussion: Mobile Accessories in the Age of Wearables and Hybrid Retail

- The intersection of mobile accessories and wearable tech (e.g., smartwatches, earphones)
- Opportunities for cross-industry innovation between mobile and wearable accessory manufacturers
- Navigating the Challenges: What Lies Ahead for India's Wearable Market?
- Is the offline channel underutilized by wearable brands, primarily serving to offload excess inventory?

- **Utsav Malhotra**, COO, Noise
- **Ashok Rajpal**, MD, Ambrane India
- **Rohit Nandwani**, Founder & COO, Hammer Lifestyle
- **Madhu Joshi**, Market Entry and Retail Consulting, MERC India
- **Vivek Sarin**, MD, Hotspot Retail
- **Chandra Mohan**, CEO, Poojara Telecom

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20 MARCH 2025 (DAY 2)

STARTUP HUB

02:00 PM -02:30 PM   **Keynote:** Kerala Startup Mission + Keynote: Kerala IT Parks

02:30 PM – 05:30 PM   **Startup Pitch Competition**

21 MARCH 2025 (DAY 3)

STARTUP HUB

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM   **Panel discussion:** Funding Session curated by Ish Anand, Director iCapitailor, iCapital Ventures

MOBILE & ACCESSORIES

12:00 PM – 01:00 PM   **Panel discussion:** The Premiumization Trend in Mobile Accessories: Are Indian Consumers Ready for the Shift?

- The evolving attitude of Indian consumers towards premium products
- The role of brand trust and perception in premium accessory adoption
- Analyzing the market potential for high-end mobile accessories in India
- How premium mobile accessories can address specific needs in the Indian market

- **Priyam Agrawal**, Country Head – India, Hama Gulf FZE
- **Pankaj Mirchandani**, Founder & CEO, Ultraprolink
- **Prejit Narayan**, CBO, boAt Lifestyle
- **Kartik Bakshi**, Belkin*
- **Nextech by Amson*** session to be confirmed
- **Bhupesh Raseen**
- **Kanishka Patel**, Founder, WeHear*
- **Kishan Mali**, CEO, Varni*
- **Anjani Mishra**, Founder & CEO, Irvine*
- **Rajesh Ghei**, CEO, Jabra*

02:00 PM – 04:00 PM   **SMART CITIES & FINTECH INNOVATION AWARDS**