GBBC's Blockchain Central India

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October 7th | 5:30pm-8:00pm IST | 8:00am-10:30am ET

The Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC) and the Government of Telangana are pleased to host "Blockchain Central India," a fully virtual event bringing together government officials and business leaders to discuss blockchain adoption and innovation in Telangana and India, as well as global innovations pertaining to the future of money.

Join us as leaders from industry and government convene to discuss the role technologies, such as blockchain, will play in the digital revolution.

Introductory Remarks
5:30pm – 5:35pm IST | 8:00am – 8:05am ET
- **Sandra Ro**, CEO, Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC)

Keynote
5:35pm – 5:40pm IST | 8:05am – 8:10am ET
- **David Treat**, Board Chair, Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC); Senior Managing Director & Global Lead of Accenture's Blockchain Business

Keynote
5:40pm – 5:50pm IST | 8:10am – 8:20am ET
- **Shri. Jayesh Ranjan**, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce and Information Technology Departments, Government of Telangana

Panel and Q&A: "Paving the Way for E-Voting and Digital Identity"
5:50pm – 6:30pm IST | 8:20am – 9:00am ET

Session Description:
According to Paul Romer, a Nobel laureate and former World Bank chief economist, India has "the most sophisticated ID program in the world." Since its launch in 2009, India's Aadhaar, a biometrically secured national identification system, has given

millions access to the formal economy and government services. As the realm of digital identity continues to evolve, new models and systems utilizing blockchain technology are being explored and trialed to enable greater decentralization, self-sovereignty, and data privacy and protection. Furthermore, robust digital identity frameworks are often the backbone of blockchain-based systems, including electronic voting systems. As such, the future of digital identity and e-voting may be intertwined. Join government leaders to discuss their views on the future of digital identity and e-voting, and how blockchain technology may play a role in their evolution and development.

Panelists:
- **Smt. Rama Devi Lanka**, Director, Emerging Technologies & OSD, ITE&C Department, Government of Telangana
- **Shri. Santosh Misra, IAS**, Transport & Road Safety Commissioner, State Transport Authority, Government of Tamil Nadu, India; Fmr. CEO, Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency
- **Lakshmi Eswari**, Joint Director, C-DAC
- **Saurabh Thukral**, Senior Specialist, NITI Aayog
- <u>Moderator</u>: Atul Singh, Founder, CEO, Editor-in-Chief, Fair Observer

<u>Keynote</u>
6:30pm – 6:40pm IST | 9:00am – 9:10am ET
- **Dr. Rajendra Kumar**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), Government of India

<u>Panel and Q&A: "Innovations for the Future: Charting the Startup Landscape"</u>
6:40pm – 7:20pm IST | 9:10am – 9:50am ET

<u>Session Description:</u>
Hyderabad, the capital city of the Indian state of Telangana, has often been touted as the "shining star" of India's IT landscape. Over the past three years, the Government of Telangana has worked extensively to drive growth and adoption of emerging technologies. Through various initiatives, such as "The Blockchain District," a tech hub established in partnership between the Government and Telangana and Tech Mahindra, Hyderabad hopes to establish itself as world-leading blockchain technology hub and ecosystem. Join us to hear from leading companies and startups in the blockchain ecosystem to understand how Hyderabad became a hub for innovation, the factors that contributed to the success of successful startups, and how the models for public-private collaboration and partnership can be applied elsewhere.

Panelists:
- **Nrupul Ponugoti**, Co-Founder & CSO, StaTwig
- **Rajan Kotadi**, Founder, Chief Enabler, Stezy

- **Ajit Kumar**, CEO & Founder, Realmeds
- **Ajay Singh**, Co-Founder, DLT Labs
- **Janis Aguilar**, Ecosystem Manager Incubation, CV Labs
- <u>Moderator:</u> Mercina Tillemann, COO, Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC)

<u>Panel and Q&A: "The Future of Money: Digital Assets and Stablecoins"</u>
7:20pm – 8:00pm IST | 9:50am – 10:30am ET

<u>Session Description:</u>
The explosion in popularity of digital assets – from cryptocurrencies to stablecoins and CBDCs – has caught the attention of the public, businesses, and governments. The advent and adoption of new financial technologies has also raised important regulatory questions, while also promising to digitize payments and create new economic opportunities. Join us to hear from leaders in the digital assets, policy, and payment landscape as they discuss major trends in the future of money, adoption of digital assets and stablecoins, as well as important regulatory considerations.

<u>Panelists:</u>
- **Vishal Anand Kanvaty,** Senior Vice President – Products and Innovation, National Payments Corporation Of India (NPCI)
- **Makoto Takemiya**, CEO, Soramitsu
- **Tanvi Ratna**, CEO, Policy 4.0
- **Laurent Feral-Pierssens**, COO, Bitt
- **Ravikant Agrawal,** Vice President for Strategy, Polygon
- <u>Moderator</u>: Prasanna Lohar, Vice President Technology, DCB Bank