GBBC's Blockchain Central India in Partnership with the

Government of Telangana

Sandra Ro, CEO, Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC)

Sandra is a proponent for 'human-centric tech'. She left a career in derivatives, investment banking and currency markets to focus on emerging technologies for sustainability, access, and resiliency, particularly in financial systems. She is an early investor in, and an advocate of crypto and digital assets. Sandra currently serves as the CEO of the Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC), a Swiss-based non-profit consisting over 270 institutional members, 130 ambassadors across 76 jurisdictions and disciplines, as well as an angel investor in emerging technologies, Board member, advisor, keynote speaker and cofounder of several start-ups, non-profits, and key blockchain industry networks.

She is currently Board director of Global Digital Finance (UK) NYS Senate appointee on the New York State Digital Currency Task Force, Fintech Advisory Council of Astana International Financial Center (AIFC Kazakhstan), Board Treasurer of BitGive Foundation, member of EU Public Funds and New Green Economy Consortia, Chair of Open Impact Foundation (Switzerland), Advisory Board of Filecoin Foundation, Health Tech Chair of Yale Alumni Health Network (YAHN), and member of World Economic Forum's Digital Currency Governance Consortium (DCGC), US Department of State Speakers Bureau, Standards, International Securities Services Association (ISSA).

Whilst at CME Group, she founded and led Digitization, developed the CME CF Bitcoin pricing indices, followed by the CME Bitcoin Futures and DLT solutions. Ro was a founding member of Enterprise Ethereum Alliance (EEA Board), Post Trade Distributed Ledger (PTDL) Group, Linux Foundation, Hyperledger, and GBBC Board. She holds six patents across derivatives, crypto and indices. Previously, she was a derivatives banker at Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank, based in London. She is a graduate of Yale University, B.A. double major in (Military) History and Studies in the Environment, student of Computer Science at Columbia University, School of Continuing Studies, and MBA recipient in Accounting and Finance from London Business School.

David Treat, Board Chair, Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC); Senior Managing Director & Global Lead of Accenture's Blockchain Business

Dave Treat is a Senior Managing Director, Global Lead of Accenture's Blockchain Business, Global Capital Markets Technology Lead, and Accenture Lead of the NY Fintech Innovation Lab.

He has over 20 years of experience in Financial Services split between consulting and industry roles spanning Capital Markets and Banking. Over the past several years, Dave has driven the formation of Accenture's Blockchain Business globally. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Linux Hyperledger Project, Enterprise Ethereum Alliance, Global Blockchain Business Council and the ID2020 Alliance, Project Director for the Digital Dollar Project, is a member of the World Economic Forum C4IR Global Blockchain Council and is a program advisor for the Chamber of Digital Commerce. David also serves as the Program Advisor for the World Economic Forum's Digital Identity Initiative and the Known Traveler Digital Identity project.

David is Accenture's lead for the New York Fintech Innovation Lab which is co-run by Accenture and the Partnership Fund for New York City. The FinTech Innovation Lab is a highly competitive, 12-week

program that helps early- to growth-stage enterprise technology companies refine and test their value proposition with the support of the world's leading financial service firms.

Dave holds over 26 blockchain patents and pending patents and is a frequent speaker. He has been quoted extensively on blockchain-related topics in the New York Times, Fortune, Financial Times, Wall Street Journal. Dave was named one of the Sci-Tech 100 2018: The Architects of the Future by Silicon Republic.

Shri. Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce and Information Technology Departments, Government of Telangana

Mr. Jayesh Ranjan is a member of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) of the 1992 batch and working in the state of Telangana. He holds a Masters Degree in Psychology from Delhi University, a degree in Business Management from the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, and a Masters in Public Management from Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. He has also done short courses in the University of Birmingham (on Environmental Policy Analysis), JICA training Institute, Tokyo (on lake remediation), London School of Economics (on Globalization and Leadership), Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (in Public Policy), and Swedish Institute, Stockholm (on Sustainability and CSR). He is the All-India topper of his IAS batch of 1992. He was awarded World Bank's Social Capital Visiting Scholarship in 2002 and the British Government's Gurukul Chevening Scholarship in 2005. He has done international consultancy assignments for the World Bank, UN-ESCAP, Sedatu project of Mexico, and for international NGOs working for Youth Issues like YES, Inc of the USA and NMC from Italy. He is a part of the National Pool of Trainers in Leadership constituted by the Government of India, and is involved in training and mentoring newly recruited Civil Servants. Among his other distinctions, he was awarded the Royal Order of the Polar Star by His Majesty The King of Sweden in 2019 for promoting Swedish business interests in India including the opening of IKEA's first Indian store in Hyderabad.

Jayesh Ranjan is the Principal Secretary of the Industries & Commerce (I&C) and Information Technology (IT) Departments of the Telangana government. His assignment involves developing policy frameworks, attracting new investments, identifying opportunities for utilizing IT in various government processes, and promoting the digital empowerment of the citizens. His last few assignments have been in the Industrial Promotion sector as Commissioner and MD of the Industries Department, Secretary in the Tourism Promotion Department, and Vice-Chairman of the Hyderabad Urban Development Authority (HUDA), all for 2-3 years each, and various rural assignments in different parts of the state for over 12 years, working in diverse sectors like Tribal Development, Natural Resources Management, Poverty Alleviation and other related Social Development Sectors.

Jayesh Ranjan supports many social, cultural and charitable causes, and is on the Boards/Advisory committees of United Way (Hyderabad), Save A Child's Heart (SACH) Foundation, Young Lives India, Save the Children, Sparsh Hospice, APMAS, ML Jaisimha Sports Foundation, Hyderabad 10 K Foundation, Vijaya Foundation Trust, Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation, LSN Foundation, Tejas Foundation, Magic Bus Hyderabad, World Wildlife Fund (Hyderabad chapter), Hyderabad Literary Festival. Spic-Macay. Heal a Child Foundation, Moving Images, Society to Aid the Hearing Impaired (SAHI), and Institute of Public Enterprises (IPE).

Smt. Rama Devi Lanka, Director, Emerging Technologies & OSD, ITE&C Department, Government of Telangana

Rama Devi Lanka's role is to design and implement a digital strategy for the Telangana Government in the area of emerging technologies such as AI, Blockchain, Cloud and IoT that would attract investments, increase adoption by the government departments and develop a talent pool.

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

Mrs P.R.Lakshmi Eswari is currently working as Joint Director (e- Security) at C-DAC Hyderabad. She did her Bachelors' and Masters' degree in Computer Science and Engineering. She has 15 years of experience in Research and teaching at C-DAC as well as NIT Warangal.

Saurabh Thukral, Senior Specialist, NITI Aayog

Atul Singh, Founder, CEO, Editor-in-Chief, Fair Observer

Founder, chief executive officer and editor-in-chief of Fair Observer, an independent media platform; Atul Singh has also taught at many institutions, including the University of California, Berkeley and the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar. Earlier years saw Singh being a combat officer in India's border regions of Nagaland and Kashmir as well as a lawyer in London working for Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and White & Case.

In an age where there are six jobs in public relations for every job in journalism in the US, Singh is a rare media entrepreneur who has successfully swum against the tide. He pioneered a new model of bottom-up, citizen journalism with a rigorous editorial filter. As a result, people can find perspectives by more than 2,000 contributors from more than 80 countries around the world, from Mumbai and Nairobi to Munich and New York on one media platform. In a world of clickbait, echo chambers and fake news, Atul Singh has been a leader for thoughtful, deep and diverse journalism.

Atul Singh has a rare ability to see under the surface and around corners. He was ahead of the curve in observing and analysing the rise of populism in the form of Brexit, the rise of Donald Trump or the emergence of Narendra Modi. Recently, he has written a chapter on Brexit in a book on populist nationalism.

He has spoken at institutions such as the United Nations, Google, Deloitte, Harvard and MIT.

Atul Singh is a modern day Renaissance man with multicultural eclectic experiences in many countries and multiple professions with an interdisciplinary background. It is no wonder that a Googler introduced him as "the most interesting man in the world" before his prescient talk on the global rise of the far-right in August 2016.

Dr. Rajendra Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronic and IT (MeitY), Government of India

Dr. Rajendra Kumar is a senior officer in the Indian Administrative Service (I.A.S.) and is currently working as the Principal Secretary/Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce, and Director of the Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute (EDII) in the Government of Tamil Nadu. Prior to this, he was the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT). As the CMD of ELCOT, he led the ICT infrastructure, e-governance, ICT procurement and IT industry promotion activities within the state.

Earlier, he has worked as the Joint Secretary (e-Governance) in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India. He has led the entire Digital India, e-governance and technology development for Indian languages initiatives at the national level and has been responsible for the overall conceptualization and implementation of the flagship Digital India Programme and the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) of the Government of India. He has conceptualized and implemented several major e-governance initiatives in the country. These include the new Digital Locker initiative aimed at providing a private space on a public cloud to all residents for storing and sharing government issued documents, the new Mobile Seva project aimed at bringing all government services on the mobile platform, E-Pramaan for electronic authentication of all users of e-governance services, and localization aimed at promoting the usage of Indian languages in e-governance and mobile based services. Prior to his stint in Government of India, he held senior positions in district administration and state government in Tamil Nadu in India.

Dr. Kumar has received a number of academic and professional awards at national and international levels during his career. He has received the UN Public Service Award in 2014 for the Mobile Seva project conceptualized and implemented by him.

Dr. Kumar holds a Ph.D. in international economic development and regional planning and an MCP from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, an M.Tech in Management and Systems from the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi, and a B.Tech in Civil Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur. He has published a book and several articles in international journals.

Nrupul Ponugoti, Co-Founder & CSO, StaTwig

Rajan Kotadi, Founder, Chief Enabler, Stezy

Rajan Kotadi is a Founder, Chief enabler of Stezy.io a "Do it yourself blockchain platform" which helps enterprises to integrate and deploy blockchain with ease without friction. He is an Innovator, technology enthusiast who continues to re-invent and explore new areas of opportunities. Created Blockchain ecosystem by training 2000 + people both for corporates , Bureaucrats , offline and online medium in the last 3 years. Prior to Stezy Blockchain, Rajan was the co-founder of Canny kart an IOT platform cum marketplace which was headquartered in US. Rajan worked with corporates like Hewlett Packard, Unisys global, HCL technologies and Texas Instruments in Management roles managing and transforming worldwide Datacentres.

Ajit Kumar, CEO & Founder, Realmeds

Ajit is a serial entrepreneur and founder of RealMeds. He has over 22 years of rich experience with technologies ranging from embedded systems to large enterprise applications and 12+ years of experience in building scalable businesses. RealMeds has been a pioneer in bringing Blockchain & IoT to the medicines traceability, counterfeit protection and an agile supply chain. Since its launch it has seen adoptions in private as well as government departments and has been the Top 5 Blockchain use cases selected by ISO. With RealMeds, Ajit is on a mission to make medicines safe for everyone.

Ajay Singh, Co-Founder, DLT Labs

Ajay is an early pioneer of blockchain technology and has extensive experience with financial institutions such as HSBC, BNP Paribas, Diebold and the National Stock Exchange of India. He actively promotes blockchain technology and other open-source technology by running many blockchain labs across colleges and universities. He developed deep expertise in building complex business applications needing high throughput/ low latency while working with National stock exchange, BNP Paribas, Diebold and HSBC.

Janis Aguilar, Ecosystem Manager Incubation, CV Labs

Janis Aguilar is the Ecosystem Manager Incubation at CV Labs - the ecosystem business of CV VC; a VC which invests in early-stage blockchain startups and offers additional financial products. In his function, Janis created a three-month hybrid incubation program which aims to develop early-stage blockchain startups in the seed stage. The program aims to bring together blockchain experts from around the globe to give startups the necessary tools and ecosystem to succeed. Janis' passion for startups was sparked when he moved to Asia and worked for a tech startup that successfully managed to get listed on the ASX. Since this success, Janis further educated himself by obtaining a master's degree from the Copenhagen Business school, working on a disruptive data startup and founding his own venture.

Mercina Tillemann, COO, Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC)

Mercina Tillemann-Dick currently serves as Chief Operating Officer of the Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC). Experienced in strategic planning and communications, she has spent her career translating complex ideas for broad audiences in the public and private sectors. Mercina has advised state and national governments and fortune 100 companies on issues surrounding technology and public health. An expert in blockchain technology, Mercina works with corporations and governments to identify relevant applications for the technology; she speaks regularly about the technology around the world – from the G20 Summit to the European Parliament to the U.N.'s Internet Governance Forum (IGF). Mercina has worked in the offices of the former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and for the Human Rights Commission of the U.S. Congress. While working with Janssen's Global Public Health Group, she drafted congressional testimony, authored publications and spearheaded multiple public information initiatives. She holds a degree in Bioethics, Political Science and Law from Yale University.

Vishal Anand Kanvaty, Senior Vice President – Products and Innovation, National Payments Corporation Of India (NPCI)

Mr. Vishal Anand Kanvaty is a management professional with 16 years of Consulting/Functional experience in Payments/Cards/Retail/e-Commerce/Blockchain/Bitcoin. He has in depth understanding of Blockchain. Running a Remittance platform leveraging Blockchain technology and has expertise in Payments, e-Commerce, Mobile Payments including Mobile Wallet, M-PoS, Mobile Money and Mobile Banking solutions. He has handled large projects in Retail Banking, Payments, Cards, e-Commerce,NFC, Prepaid, m-Commerce, E-Commerce, PLCC and Core Banking. He has a good understanding of various credit card processing systems (VisionPlus/CTL Prime/Equasion/CyberSource, Authorise.Net) and Retail Banking products (Temenos, Intellect).

Mr. Kanvaty has demonstrated thought leadership in new applications of technology to business process automation and has experience in launching various credit card, e-Commerce and mobile banking products with operational exposure. He has experience in Financial Inclusion and has spearheaded the strategy and implementation of various products including M-POS/ Mobile Wallet.

Makoto Takemiya, CEO, Soramitsu

Makoto Takemiya is a co-founder and Group CEO of Soramitsu. He has authored more than 20 peer-reviewed scientific papers and actively engages in research. He has an M.S. in Computer Science from the California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo. At Soramitsu he has helped lead the creation of Hyperledger Iroha, a settlement system for the National Bank of Cambodia and a Decentralized Digital Depository for digital assets called D3 Ledger. He also has contributed to Sora, the Decentralized Autonomous Economy.

Tanvi Ratna, CEO, Policy 4.0

Tanvi has deep and global experience in policymaking and emerging technology. Before founding Policy 4.0 she has worked with leading decision-makers such as the Indian Prime Minister, the Foreign Affairs Committee on Capitol Hill, and multiple central and state government agencies in India. As the founder & CEO for Policy 4.0, Tanvi is responsible for guiding decisions and achieving rational outcomes for decision-makers and regulatory bodies.

Tanvi has handled blockchain projects for EY India and was a Fellow analyzing cryptocurrency regulation at the New America Foundation. She is also the first Indian to be invited into the global editorial team at Coindesk, the world's largest and most influential news site on blockchain technology, and writes a monthly column on India, policy, and geopolitical themes linked to crypto.

Tanvi holds a bachelor's in engineering from Georgia Tech and a master's in public policy from Georgetown University and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. She grew up in the Middle East and the US and currently shuttles between Delhi & Bangalore. She is a voracious reader and enjoys playing the guitar in her free time.

Laurent Feral-Pierssens, COO, Bitt

Laurent is Chief Operating Officer for international financial technology company Bitt and Partner at boutique consulting firm BlockZero. He is a business leader specializing in the evolution of the financial and payment infrastructure. He has been focusing on blockchain innovation, digital assets, and the crypto economy since 2016.

Laurent helps organizations, institutions and governments design and build products and services based on digital assets transformation, financial technologies, and decentralized infrastructure.

Amongst other roles, Laurent was previously Global CBDC Leader at Deloitte, where he built the team's delivery capabilities, market activation and partnerships. He was also Executive Director, Partner at venture capital firm Inception Block Ventures, and Leader of the Emerging Technologies practice at KPMG Canada.

With a unique combination of business, scientific and technical skills, and over 20 years of experience leading technology companies in Canada, the United States and Europe as a founder and CEO, Laurent has anchored himself as a strategic early investor and advisor.

Today, Laurent is an international thought-leader on emerging technology. He is a regular speaker on the subject of fintech, transformation of the financial infrastructure, blockchain innovation, crypto assets and artificial intelligence.

Ravikant Agrawal, Vice President for Strategy, Polygon

Ravikant works in the Strategy office at Polygon, where he looks after large engagements, ecosystem development and streamlining internal activities. Previously he has worked with large global consulting firms in the Financial Services domain. He also had an entrepreneurial instinct in the recent past, as a co-founder for a blockchain based identity product startup. He has been active contributor to blockchain community since 2016

Prasanna Lohar, Vice President Technology, DCB Bank

Currently Prasanna is practicing Digital Transformation, Innovation Implementation & Architecture Orchestration at DCB Bank.

He has launched Global Innovation program – "DCB Bank Innovation Carnival". It will bring on Unique Experience of Innovation generation thru Hackathons & Accelerator programs in India. Through this program, Prasanna mentored more than 250+ Startups during this program.

Prasanna is associated with Many Accelerators, Partners, Government, Education institutes to practice Open innovation.

He is working with various INNOVATION, FINTECH & BLOCKCHAIN Forums in India to create a Robust Innovation Ecosystem in India.

As part of DCB's Digital & Architecture Transformation, Prasanna is closely associated with New & latest technology Strategy, Assimilation, Experimentation, Innovative Customer Servicing & Engagement,

Robust Architecture Implementation, Fintech & Startup Alignment, Open Innovation practices, Collaboration with other Banks on various initiatives.

At DCB Bank Prasanna previously has worked as Digital Head & was part of various deliveries like India's first Aadhaar & Biometric enabled ATM, Paperless A/c Opening - Zippi, India's first Omni-Channel Framework for Bank, KYC, Blockchain, Mobile banking & Mobile Apps, Open Banking & Internet Banking Initiative, Unified Payment Interface (UPI), Bharat Bill Payment, API Management, Blockchain, Switch & Cards relevant initiatives.

Prasanna touts over 21+ Years of Industry Experience in Engineering and Development, Product Development, Organization Strategy & Governance, Risk Audit Compliance Management, Business Process Management, Enterprise Architecture, Mobile Apps, Digital Transformation, Fintech, E-Commerce, Payments, Platform & Product Innovation, Data Science, Automation, , AR & VR , Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Open Stack, Cloud Computing, Analytics, Big Data, IOT, Blockchain,   UI-UX & Business Development.

In 2016-2021, Prasanna bagged many Leadership awards Most Influential Payment Professionals, TOP 50 CIOs, Top 100 Innovative CIOs, Digital Leader of the Year, Top 20 BFSI Leaders.

He has appeared in 600+ BFSI & Industrial Conferences as Key-Note Speaker & contributed to ecosystem.