



**International Digital and Telecom Seminar
Committee**

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INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL AND TELECOM SEMINAR

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➤ **Name of the Committee:** International Digital and Telecom Seminar

➤ **Objectives of the Committee:**

- To organize the flagship event of SIDTM successfully.
- Branding of college amongst aspiring students.
- To invite renowned dignitaries in the ICT industry from India and abroad.
- To exhibit the talent of budding techno-managers from SIDTM in the industry.
- Leveraging tie-ups with different companies to aggrandize the placements of SIDTM.

➤ **Names of the Students in the Committee:**

Senior Committee	Ad-Hoc Junior Committee
AYUSH SHARMA	ADESH INGLE
PUSHKAR MEDHEKAR	AJINKYA VIRALKAR
ANANYA SRIVASTAVA	AVISHEK KUNDU
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D R SHRIYA	SHAZAR TAUSEEF
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SAURABH PAWAR	SHUBHAM SAHA
	SIDDHIKA KRISHNAMOORTHY
	VISHRUTH BHAT
	VIVEK DUBEY

➤ **Faculty in charge name:**

Communiqué 24 Convener - Ms. Bhakti Vyawahare

➤ LIST OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

1. Transcript Writing and Topic Selection

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The groundwork for the International Digital Telecom Seminar begins typically in June with the budgeting plan portion for the event. This year, we collaborated with “BHARAT BLOCKCHAIN YATRA, “ that focuses on narrating India’s remarkable blockchain story with 200+ experts narrating India’s blockchain journey. The embodiment of the flagship event is its Keynote sessions and panel discussions which give a brief look at cutting-edge patterns in the ICT domain from the business leaders’ point of view. The topic for the Keynote and panel discussions was chosen and finished in the month of December ‘23, which at last led to the divulging of the theme for the event

“Web3.0: Transforming Telecom- Exploring opportunities in the New Digital Landscape”

Panel Discussions:

1. **Decentralized Innovation: Exploring Blockchain's Role in Revolutionizing Digital Transparency and Efficiency**
2. **Progressing Past ChatGPT: Envisioning Generative AI in Corporate Settings**

Keynotes:

1. **Hedera Hashgraph and its adoption in real world use cases Organization Change in Digital Era**
2. **Decoding the DPDP Act, 2023: Empowering Individuals in Digital Age**
3. **Indigenous Telecom Vendors: Navigating Industry Dynamics**
4. **Emerging Technologies Shaping Digital Transformation**

Presentation:

1. **Unveiling the Real Potential: Blockchain's Journey from Hype to Value Creation**

Expert Talks:

1. **Navigating Enterprise Frontiers: A Deep Dive into Blockchain Solutions**
2. **Crafting Digital Identity Solutions for Privacy in a Growing Digital World**
3. **Unleashing the Potential of Blockchain in Gaming and the Metaverse**

After finalizing the Theme and the topics for Panel Discussion and keynotes, the task followed was identifying the potential speakers. The process involves creating posters and brochures of the event and sending them to the speakers, organisations, and students along with the invitation for the event. The Speakers were finalized in the month of December ‘23. To maximize the reach of our event, social media platforms like LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram were used. The teleconferencing platform that was used contributed greatly to the successful organisation of this event

2. Business Pitch Competition in Blockchain Technology

The Seminar Committee, in collaboration with the IDS, organized a challenge: the 'Business Pitch Competition in Blockchain Technology', in which participating teams of size 4-5 members are asked to identify a business problem and pitch a solution for the same using Blockchain technology in a 10 min presentation. We received a phenomenal response for the same. The event consisted of 1 round. The winning teams were declared on the same day with their rankings and institutions. They received Amazon gift vouchers as prize. The following are the results

S.No.	Team Name	College Name	Voucher Prize
1.	Technogeeks	SIDTM, Pune	₹ 5000
2.	The Boys	SIDTM, Pune	₹ 3000
3.	Vision Voyagers	SIDTM, Pune	₹ 2000

3. Speaker Database and Invite

The next task, the team took up, was to collect information about the potential speakers by using LinkedIn. The invitation to the speakers was initiated by the senior team members on December 2023. Due to collaboration with the Bharat Blockchain Yatra, speakers were invited by IDS as well.

4. Internal Preparation for the Final day

The seminar committee synergized its efforts by collaborating with various committees. Brandcom played a crucial role in enhancing the event's visibility through effective branding and social media promotion. The Web and Tech team contributed by providing creative support. The combined efforts of ART, ACADS, Placement, Corporate Interference team, ECell were instrumental in ensuring the overall success of the event. Comprehensive invitations were extended to Directors, Vice Chancellor, faculty members, as well as senior and junior batches. Special invitations were also extended to SIT students to broaden the reach of the event. In collaboration with the Sparsh committee invitations were extended to students from Mamasahab Mohol College as a part of ISR initiative taken by SIDTM. The seamless coordination of Logistics, Finance, Content, Speaker Database, and Sponsorship was skillfully managed by both junior and senior teams of IDTS, contributing significantly to the event's success.

➤ MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Our flagship event Communiqué24 went live on 12th and 13th of January 2024.
- The Director of the institute and the convener of Communiqué were able to directly converse with all of the speakers who were invited to the event.
- Unveiling of Prevision '24 and TBR Journal

- ISR initiative was achieved by hosting of 101 students from Mamasahab Mohol College.
- We saw seamless integration for smooth functioning between various committees and all the activities were on course. The event was managed with no glitches.
- Feedback received from each of the guests was immensely positive and highly appreciated.

➤ KEY LEARNINGS

Proper planning and execution of vital activities and showing dedication to the same ensures that the deadlines are met and working is smooth. Conducting timely meetings and maintaining transparency avoids confusion. The junior committee members:

- Contributed to the decision-making and gave valuable inputs
- Followed all the instructions given by the senior team members
- Gained a considerable amount of experience needed to efficiently handle the event next year

Harmony among all committees is imperative for optimal functioning of the event. Maintaining robust connections, particularly with CIT, ART, BRANDCOM, ACADS, SPARSH and WebNTech, is of paramount importance. Collaborating with the Brandcom has proven instrumental in generating awareness about the event. Synchronization with both CIT and Alumni regarding speaker selections has been a critical facet of our operational strategy. In moments of tension, a structured approach involving analysis, collaborative consultation, and composed response has been consistently upheld. Synchronization with both CIT and Alumni regarding speaker selections has been a critical facet of our operational strategy. In moments of tension, a structured approach involving analysis, collaborative consultation, and composed response has been consistently upheld. Joining the senior and junior groups was excellent as they were engaged with the greater part of the exercises and could help the seniors every which way. Dynamic capacity ought to be incomparable as important decisions must be taken as the date of the occasion comes nearer. There should be a good amount of accuracy in dealing with industry stalwarts and it must be ensured that their expectations are met.

➤ COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION TO SIDTM AND STUDENTS

- i. **Flagship Event** - The committee is dedicated to achieving excellence and fostering creativity through diligent work and collaboration, ensuring that the event stands out as the flagship event of the institute in the realm of Web 3 and blockchain technology.
- ii. **Trending Web 3 Topics** - The committee has meticulously selected topics from the current Web 3 industry landscape, identifying those with a substantial impact on the decentralized technologies domain. The industry acknowledges these topics as pivotal

in shaping or reshaping the near future of this blockchain era, providing ample scope for discussion in Keynotes and Panel Discussions.

iii. **Corporate Recognition** - Esteemed corporate leaders from top MNCs and the ICT sector visit the institute, recognizing the flagship event as a prestigious platform for discussions on the latest trends and technologies in Web 3 and blockchain. This corporate fascination has paved the way for establishing robust connections and extending invitations for institute placements.

iv. **Collaborative Innovation** - This event has united talented and creative minds from various committees, forming the backbone of the flagship event. It stands as a unique occasion where the entire college collaborates as a team, creating an expansive platform for engagement with corporates in the Web 3 space.

v. **Branding Impact** - Branding is a pivotal pillar meticulously implemented by the committee to attract more businesses from the Web 3 sector. This branding effort ensures the event maintains its status and benchmarks, attracting a growing number of students each year to participate in this forward-looking event.

vi. **Web 3 Skills Development** - Through workshops, seminars, and practical sessions conducted by experts from IDS Blockchain and Industry Stalwarts, our students gain hands-on experience and practical insights into the application of blockchain technology. This experience is invaluable in developing their skills and preparing them for the rapidly evolving Web 3 industry.

SCHEDULE: 12TH JANUARY 2024

TIMING	AGENDA
08:00Hrs - 09:20Hrs	Check-in to the International Digital & Telecom Seminar & India's Biggest Blockchain Confluence
09:20Hrs - 09:40Hrs	Lamp Lighting Ceremony
09:40Hrs - 09:50Hrs	Welcome address by Dr. CA. Abhijit Chirputkar , Director, SIDTM
09:50Hrs - 10:00Hrs	Welcome address by Hon. Dr. Ramakrishnan Raman , Vice Chancellor, SIU
10:00Hrs - 10:10Hrs	Inaugural Speech by Ms. Bhakti Vyawahare , Convener, Communique 24
10:10Hrs - 10:15Hrs	Quick Brief - SIDTM IDS by Mr. Sunil Yadavalli , Head - Business Strategy and Partnerships, Information Data Systems
10:15Hrs - 10:25Hrs	Presentation on " Unveiling the Real Potential: Blockchain's Journey from Hype to ValueCreation " by Mr. Voruganti Aravind , Global Vice President, Information Data System
10:25Hrs - 10:45Hrs	Chief Guest Address on Web 3.0 and 6G: Shaping the Future of Digital Interactions in TelecomSector , by Mr. Arvind Bali , Chief Executive Officer, Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC India)
10:45Hrs – 11:05Hrs	Keynote session on Hedera Hashgraph and its adoption in real world use cases , by Mr.Saiprasad Raut , Co-Chair Corporate Committee, Hedera Hashgraph
11:05Hrs - 11:20Hrs	Networking Break
11:20Hrs - 12:00Hrs	Expert talk on Navigating Enterprise Frontiers: A Deep Dive into Blockchain Solutions , by Ms.Shruti Kulkarni & Ms. Medha Kamalakar , Blockchain Architect, IBM

12:00Hrs - 12:20Hrs	Expert talk on Crafting Digital Identity Solutions for Privacy in a Growing Digital World by Mr. Ravikant Agrawal , Director of Growth, Polygon Labs
12:20Hrs - 12:40Hrs	Expert talk on Unleashing the Potential of Blockchain in Gaming and the Metaverse by Mr. Jitender Bhutani , Director and Chief Technology Officer, Tech Alchemy
12:40Hrs - 13:15Hrs	Panel Discussion 1: Decentralized Innovation: Exploring Blockchain's Role in Revolutionizing Digital Transparency and Efficiency A. Mr. Kamlesh Nagware - Co-Founder, FSV Capital B. Mr. Ravikant Agarwal - Director of Growth, Polygon Labs C. Mr. Jitender Bhutani - Director and Chief Technology Officer, Tech Alchemy D. Mr. Vishnu Korde - Founder and CEO, StackOs E. Mr. Mahesh Balan – CEO, Pravici LLC F. Moderator - Mr. Sunil Yadavalli , Head - Business Strategy and Partnerships, Information Data Systems
13:15Hrs -13:20Hrs	Announcement of IDS and Hedera Community and Workshop
13:20Hrs –14:20Hrs	Lunch Break
14:20Hrs - 15:15Hrs	Panel Discussion 2: Progressing Past ChatGPT: Envisioning Generative AI in Corporate Settings A. Dr. Yogesh Dadke - APAC IT Leader, Adient B. Mr. Sandeep Chadda - Principal Lead Product Manager, Microsoft C. Mr. Abhishek Trigunait - Former CPO & CTO, ZS D. Ms. Veenu Yadav – Principal (Data Engineering), McKinsey & Company E. Mr. Ankit Sharma – Leader, Cloud & Compute Security, CISCO F. Mr. Sivakumar Dhakshinamoorthy - Head of Services Support and AI Security Researcher, Lenovo G. Moderator -Dr Ram Kumar - Cyber Security & Risk Leader, Global Automotive Major
15:15Hrs -15:45Hrs	Keynote session on Decoding the DPDP Act, 2023: Empowering Individuals in Digital Age , by Ms. Sailaja Vadlamudi , Vice President-Security & Privacy, SAP Labs

15:45Hrs -16:15Hrs	Keynote session on Indigenous Telecom Vendors: Navigating Industry Dynamics by Mr. Nipun Sahni , VP-International Business and Development, Tejas Networks
16:15Hrs – 16:30Hrs	Vote of Thanks

SCHEDULE: 13th January 2024

TIMING	AGENDA
09:00 - 09:05	Glimpse of the Previous Day
09:05 – 09:10	SIDTM Video
09:10 – 09:40	Keynote session on “Emerging Technologies Shaping Digital Transformation” , by Amber Saraogi , Commercial Solutions Director, The Coca-Cola
09:40 – 10:10	Awards Distribution Ceremony
10:10 – 10:20	Unveiling of TBR Journal
10:20 – 10:40	Unveiling of Prevision and Presentation by Prevision Team

➤ **DIRECTOR SPEECH**

Mr. Abhijit Chirputkar (Director, SIDTM)



Highlights of speech:

Professor Dr. CA .Abhijit Chirputkar, Director of SIDTM, initiated his address by extending a formal welcome to all the industry experts attending the seminar. He proceeded to reflect on the institute's growth over the 28 years of its existence. In 2018, in response to the evolution of digital technologies, the institute's name was changed from SITM (Symbiosis Institute of Telecom Management) to SIDTM (Symbiosis Institute of Digital and Telecom Management). While the program structure remains telecom-focused, pertinent digital technology courses have been incorporated along with a dynamic syllabus. Dr. Chirputkar emphasized that the institute's alumni excel across various domains, including BFSI, healthcare, FMCG, airlines and automobiles, and so on.

Highlighting the adaptability of the curriculum, he mentioned its alignment with changing needs and industry requirements, with specializations reflecting the current trends. Dr. Chirputkar also touched upon the teaching methods employed to educate students on technological advancements in various business sectors. Concluding his address, he expressed gratitude to everyone in attendance and specifically acknowledged Bhakti ma'am for her immense contributions to IDTS.

➤ VICE CHANCELLOR SPEECH

Dr.Ramakrishnan Raman (Vice Chancellor,SIU)



Highlights of speech:

Dr.Ramakrishnan Raman, Vice Chancellor, SIU initiated his address by highlighting the collaborative effort between SIDTM and Bharat Blockchain Yatra, underscoring the forward-thinking and innovative spirit of the academic community. Sir outlined the event's significance, being a convergence of digital brilliance and blockchain excellence. He also acknowledged the presence of eminent personalities in the digital and telecom arena, including Mr.Arvind Bali, Mr.Sunil Subrahmanyam Yadavalli, Mr.Voruganti Aravind, and Saiprasad Raut, emphasizing their valuable contributions that elevated Communiqué 24.

Sir extended a heartfelt appreciation is extended to Dr. CA. Abhijit Chirputkar, the Director of SIDTM, and the dedicated team of faculty members, staff, and students for their unwavering commitment and hard work in bringing Communiqué 24 to fruition. Sir emphasized on the invaluable opportunities for SIDTM students to gain insights and knowledge from industry experts during the event. In conclusion, he encouraged the audience to collectively embrace the wealth of knowledge shared during Communiqué 24, and wished for a fruitful and enlightening experience.

➤ **CONVENER SPEECH**

Ms. Bhakti Vyawahare (Convener: Communiqué24)



Highlights of speech:

Good morning Vice Chancellor sir, Director sir, Chief Guest, the entire faculty fraternity, and the IDS team.

Welcome to Communiqué 24 at SIDTM, our flagship event. This year, we've partnered with Bharat Blockchain Yatra, expanding our horizons into the realm of blockchain for insights and innovation. With esteemed industry experts present, their participation underscores the significance of today's discussions.

Communiqué has always been a platform for innovation and meaningful dialogues, and this year is no exception. The collaboration with Bharat Blockchain Yatra adds expertise, guiding us into the profound implications of blockchain for the future.

In the spirit of collaboration, let's leverage this opportunity to understand the current state of telecommunications and envision the possibilities Web 3.0 unfolds. Today's discussions will shape our understanding and guide us in navigating opportunities in this evolving digital landscape.

Without further ado, let's embrace the discussions, share insights, and collectively contribute to exploring opportunities in the ever-evolving digital ecosystem.

Thank you, and I wish you all an enriching Communiqué 24!

➤ CHIEF GUEST ADDRESS

Mr.Arvind Bali(Chief Guest-Communiqué24)



Mr. Arvind Bali sir, who is the Chief Executive Officer of Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC India), delivered a keynote session on Web 3.0 and 6G: Shaping the Future of Digital Interactions in the Telecom Sector. Sir told us about TSSC that Telecom SSC is led by COAI, ICEA, and NSDC, is a pivotal body ensuring skilled manpower for telecom growth. Serving as a bridge between Ministries, the telecom industry, and youth, it commits to world-class skill development, deploying top-notch training programs to boost sector productivity. Telecom SSC stands as a dedicated force for ensuring and enhancing the industry's workforce capabilities.

Sir conveyed that the governing body of Telecom SSC, led by industry stalwarts, oversees strategic decisions, while the advisory board, comprising experts, provides valuable insights for effective skill development initiatives. Telecom Sector Skill Council has empowered over 1 million youth through specialized training in Telecom and Tech, fostering a future-ready workforce. With 60+ qualification packs, 1000+ training centers nationwide, 6+ assessment partners, and 500+ industry engagements, TSSC plays a pivotal role in shaping a skilled talent pool for the sector.

Sir briefly told us about Government schemes under Skill India, such as PMKVY, ESDM, and DDU GYK, focusing on vocational training and skill development. Collaborative efforts from ministries like Railways, Education, AICTE, and bodies like NCVET and Directorate General of Training contribute to a comprehensive skill enhancement ecosystem. Also, the Telecom Sector offers diverse skill development qualifications, with over 60 specialised Qualification Packs, empowering a future-ready workforce through training programs and industry engagements facilitated by the Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC).

Sir addressed the topic of 6G; what is 6G? 6G is the name for the sixth generation of cellular networks, which will deliver truly omnipresent wireless intelligence. Expected to become available early in the 2030s, the 6G research journey is already well underway. Sir told us very elaborately about 6G, its foundation, capabilities, and India's journey towards 6G. Sir proclaimed that Web 3.0 is the third generation of the internet based on blockchain technology and is touted to revolutionise how businesses are conducted online and how humans and machines interact digitally. And Its evolution, the impact of WEB 3.0 on Businesses. Also, Web 3.0 has the potential to contribute USD 1.1 trillion to India's GDP*, increasing the value of India's Digital economy from USD 5 Billion to USD 262 Billion in next 10 years. Sir ended his insightful session by saying that at this critical juncture of technological transformation, skill development is essential to stay ahead of the curve by planning for the new digital future.

Invitation E-Mail to Speakers

Respected Amber Sir,

Greetings from Symbiosis Institute of Digital and Telecom Management (SIDTM)

We are delighted to extend to you a formal invitation to our prestigious annual event, the International Digital & Telecom Seminar – Communiqué'24. Over the years, this distinguished gathering has been a focal point on our institute's calendar, bringing together luminaries and experts from diverse sectors such as Telecom, ICT, IT, Digital and Security

In an exciting development, two of India's leading events, Communiqué'24 and Bharat Blockchain Yatra, are joining forces for an unprecedented collaboration. Hosted by the esteemed Symbiosis Institute of Digital and Telecom Management (SIDTM), this occasion marks the inaugural partnership between Communiqué and Bharat Blockchain Yatra.

Eminent personalities from all across the world contributed to the magnificent success of Communiqué '22. A few speakers whom we were obliged to have amongst us are:

NAME	SESSION	COMPANY	DESIGNATION
Anil Jain	Key Note Speaker	Accenture Strategy & Consulting	Managing Director, Strategy & Consulting
Roshni Wadhwa	Key Note Speaker	L'Oreal	Chief Human Resources Officer
Bharat Panchal	PD Speaker	Discover Financial Services	Chief Industry Relations & Regulatory Officer
Dilip Singh Thakur	PD Speaker	HDFC Bank	Head Digital Risk

Taking the legacy forward, SIDTM is proud to organize "Communiqué 24 – The 13th International Digital & Telecom Seminar". This year, our central theme revolves around:

“Web 3.0: Transforming Telecom: Exploring Opportunities in the New Digital Landscape”

The seminar is scheduled to be on **13th January 2024**.

We are honoured to extend an invitation as the **Keynote Speaker** for the **Emerging Technologies Shaping Digital Transformation**. Thank you for showing the willingness to grace our occasion with your esteemed presence.

Kindly find attached tickets for travel to the event

Thank you sincerely for your time and consideration. We eagerly anticipate welcoming you as a distinguished guest at the International Digital & Telecom Seminar – **Communiqué'24**.

Our Eminent Speakers



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Speakers



Arvind Ball
Chief Executive Officer
TSP



Saigrao Raut
Co-Head Technical Strategy & Product
Governance, Co-Head Corporate Relations
- Genentech



Mahesh Balan
Chief Executive Officer
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Sallaja Vedlamudi
Vice President Security & Privacy
SAP Labs



Dr Ram Kumar
Cyber Security & Risk Leader
Global Automotive Mfg.



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Principal Lead Product Manager
Microsoft



Abhishek Trigunait
Former CPO & CTO
Ex-23



Veenu Yadav
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McKinsey & Company



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Lenovo



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➤ TOPIC DESCRIPTIONS

Presentation

Unveiling the Real potential: Blockchain's journey from Hype to Value creation



In a captivating presentation, **Mr. Aravind Voruganti, Global Vice President and Convenor at Bharat Blockchain Yatra**, shared profound insights on blockchain's transformative journey, shifting from mere hype to tangible value creation. The narrative started by contextualizing the evolution of the internet, navigating through the distinct phases of Web 1.0, Web 2.0, and the revolutionary Web 3.0.

In the earlier stages, Web 1.0, users primarily read or consumed content, followed by active participation through reading and writing in the Web 2.0. However, the real game-changer is Web 3.0, where users not only read and write but also own their data. This transformative shift is made possible by the disruptive influence of blockchain technology, triggering foundational changes for internet giants such as Facebook, Google, YouTube, and TikTok.

Further, he explored how blockchain, serving as the driving force behind Web 3.0, has evolved from initial hype to a tangible tool, empowering users with data ownership rights outlining a shift from blockchain being a mere buzzword to a transformative force.

As users transition from mere consumers to data owners, Mr. Voruganti adeptly highlighted the myriad opportunities and challenges for both businesses and individuals. The indispensable role of blockchain in providing secure, transparent, and decentralized data management was emphasized as crucial for navigating the rapidly evolving digital landscape.

By illustrating real-world examples and case studies, he painted a vivid and comprehensive picture of how blockchain is disrupting traditional models, paving the way for a more equitable and user-centric internet. It served not just as an informative piece but as a compelling call to action for business leaders, urging them to embrace this revolutionary step urging a recognition that the true potential of blockchain lies not in mere hype but in its concrete ability to create lasting and tangible value for both businesses and users.

Expert Talks

Expert Talk 1: Navigating Enterprise Frontiers: A Deep Dive into Blockchain Solutions



Ms. Medha Kamalakar Blockchain Architect, IBM and Ms. Shruti Kulkarni delivered an Expert Talk on the topic **“Navigating Enterprise Frontiers: A Deep Dive into Blockchain Solutions”**.

In her expert she provided a comprehensive overview of blockchain technology. She defined blockchain, elucidated the concept of ledgers, and discussed inherent problems addressed by this innovative technology. She explored the distinctive characteristics of blockchain, highlighting its decentralized and secure nature. The talk delved into the technology backbones of blockchain, unveiling the underlying mechanisms that contribute to its effectiveness. Furthermore, She delved into various types of blockchain, offering valuable insights into the diverse applications and adaptability of this transformative technology in enterprise landscapes.



Later on, **Shrutika Kulkarni Ma'am** addressed the diverse requirements of blockchain across various businesses. She illustrated the versatility of blockchain through examples such as asset tokenization, supply chain management, audit and compliance processes, and identity management. Ma'am provided a nuanced exploration of the technology's applicability, showcasing its potential in transforming business processes across different domains. The talk underscored the wide-ranging impact of blockchain solutions in meeting the evolving needs and challenges faced by enterprises in the contemporary business landscape.

Expert Talk 2: Crafting Digital Identity Solutions for Privacy in a Growing Digital World



Mr. Ravikant Agarwal, Director of Growth, Polygon Labs, delivered an Expert Talk on the topic **“Crafting Digital Identity Solutions for Privacy in a Growing Digital World”**. He delved into the critical concept of digital identity. He commenced by providing a nuanced understanding of digital identity, shedding light on its multifaceted nature in the context of an expanding digital landscape. Agarwal underscored the significance of crafting solutions that prioritize privacy, a vital consideration given the growing interconnectedness in the digital world. A notable focal point of the talk was the elucidation of the "Identity Trust Triangle," a conceptual framework essential for comprehending the dynamics of digital identity. This triangle likely encompassed key elements such as identity validation, user consent, and security measures, forming the basis for establishing trust in digital interactions. Agarwal Sir’s discourse likely emphasized the delicate balance required to maintain user privacy while ensuring the reliability and security of digital identities.

By addressing these pivotal aspects, his expert talk provided valuable insights into the evolving realm of digital identity solutions, highlighting the need for a thoughtful approach that aligns with privacy concerns in our increasingly digital and interconnected world.

Expert Talk 3: Unleashing the Potential of Blockchain in Gaming and the Metaverse



Mr. Jitendra Bhutani, Chief Technology Officer, TechAlchemy, delivered an Expert Talk on the topic **“Unleashing the Potential of Blockchain in Gaming and the Metaverse”**. He explored the symbiotic relationship between gaming and blockchain technology. He began by elucidating how gaming contributes to personal and technological evolution. He traced the evolutionary trajectory of gaming, emphasizing its transformative role in entertainment and technology. The

talk extensively covered the integration of blockchain in the metaverse, highlighting its capacity to enhance decentralization, security, and user experience.

Jitendra Bhutani Sir delved into the specific applications of blockchain in gaming, particularly in the establishment of open marketplaces. He shed light on the concept of the Bharat Gaming Community, illustrating how blockchain fosters collaborative and inclusive gaming ecosystems. Trust assurance emerged as a key theme, emphasizing how blockchain technology instills transparency and reliability in gaming environments.

The expert talk provided a holistic perspective on the intersection of blockchain, gaming, and the metaverse, showcasing not only the technical aspects but also the community-building potential within the gaming industry. Sir's insights underscored the profound impact of blockchain in shaping the future landscape of gaming and virtual experiences.

Keynotes

Keynote 1: Hedera Hashgraph and its adoption in real-world use cases



Mr. Saiprasad Raut, Co-Chair Corporate Committee, delivered a keynote address on the topic “Hedera Hashgraph and its adoption in real-world use cases”. Sir provided a comprehensive exploration of the technology. Beginning with a detailed technology overview, he highlighted the core components of Hedera Hashgraph, including HSCS (Hedera Services Cryptocurrency) and HTS (Hedera Token Service). Raut delved into the crucial aspect of network performance, shedding light on its efficiency. The presentation extended to an overview of the Hedera ecosystem, emphasizing its intricate structure.

Network governance emerged as a pivotal point, emphasizing the decentralized nature of Hedera Hashgraph. Sir then delved into key use cases, illustrating practical applications across various industries. Lastly, he explored the broader scope of the crypto economy ecosystem, emphasizing Hedera Hashgraph's role within this dynamic landscape. Sir's keynote address provided a holistic understanding of Hedera Hashgraph, showcasing its technical components, real-world applications, and its significance in shaping the decentralized future of the crypto economy.

Keynote 2: Decoding the DPDP Act, 2023: Empowering Individuals in the Digital Age



Ms. Sailaja Vadlamudi, Vice President-Security & Privacy, SAP Labs delivered a keynote address on the topic” **Decoding the DPDP Act, 2023: Empowering Individuals in Digital Age**”. Ma’am highlighted the significance of data protection and privacy laws , emphasizing their relevance to individuals, students, employers, and businesses in the digital age. Ma'am discussed the importance of understanding privacy laws, particularly in the context of data collection by large corporations. She also addressed challenges faced by employers in handling sensitive personal data and the consequences of failing to protect confidential information. Ma'am also shared a global perspective on data privacy laws especially the European Union laws and gave various examples including those of Facebook,Amazon,Marriott Hotels who were fined for non compliance with the laws.

She also highlighted the growing importance of privacy needs of the world but the dearth of privacy professionals/experts and growing demand for the same. Ma'am answered a question regarding the recent news articles on the Meta's Libra project and Decentraland, both projects which were dropped due to privacy concerns and the readiness of the world dealing with these issues, post which the keynote session came to an end.

Keynote 3: Indigenous Telecom Vendors: Navigating Industry Dynamics



Mr. Nipun Sahni, VP-International Business and Development, Tejas Networks discussed about how Tejas Network is top 3 R&D spenders in India as they have an ambition to join global telecom giants like Nokia,Cisco,Juniper by focusing on in house R&D. Sir shared insights on the physical infrastructure of India including the supply chain and logistics which accounts for 14% of India's GDP. He also shared how the government is focusing on improving this area by building infrastructure effectively and praised the digital infrastructure where India has made remarkable strides. Sir also focused on the issue of digital divide and how only 881 million out of 1.4 billion people in our country have internet access and the addition on India's economy by addressing this division. Initiatives to bridge the digital divide, such as the BharatNet project to connect villages to fiber broadband and the BSNL project to launch a 4G and 5G network are significant investments, with 1.39 lakh crore budgeted for BharatNet and \$245 billion allocated for the first phase of BSNL's network expansion.

Sir highlighted the potential benefits of these projects and India's growing focus on product design, hardware design, and intellectual property standards, which included the significant increase in the number of registered startups.Sir also discussed the role of Artificial Intelligence(AI) in enhancing Customer Experience, Network Operations, and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) initiatives in the Telco and Communication Service Provider (CSP) industry.The keynote concluded with an sir emphasising on the importance of passion and softer

skills in both personal and professional life. He explained that having passion for one's work and journey makes it worthwhile, even when dealing with mundane tasks. He encouraged the audience to focus on these aspects to attain success.

Keynote 4: Emerging Technologies Shaping Digital Transformation



Mr. Amber Saraogi, Commercial Solutions Director, delivered a keynote address on the topic " **Emerging Technologies Shaping Digital Transformation**". He provided a comprehensive exploration of cutting-edge developments. Saraogi delved into the realm of digital currency, elucidating its transformative impact on the financial landscape. He extended the discussion to encompass the evolution of digital financial institutions, emphasizing the pivotal role of technology in reshaping traditional banking models.

NFTs (Non-Fungible Tokens) took center stage in Sir's address, reflecting on their growing significance in various industries, particularly in the realm of digital art and collectibles. Additionally, he referenced the 2023 Gartner report on Emerging Technologies, offering insights into the trends shaping the technological landscape.

The keynote further covered the immersive experiences facilitated by Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR), highlighting their applications across diverse sectors. Sir explored the role of the Internet of Things (IoT) in connecting and optimizing devices, as well as the impact of Edge Hyperscalers in enhancing computing capabilities.

Panel Discussions

Panel Discussion 1: Decentralized Innovation : Exploring blockchain's role in revolutionizing digital transparency and efficiency

The panel discussion consisted of dignitaries who came from a vast experience backgrounds and were stalwarts in their respective fields. The panel members are:

- A. Mr. Kamlesh Nagware** – Co-Founder, FSV Capital
- B. Mr. Ravikant Agarwal** - Director of Growth, Polygon Labs
- C. Mr. Jitender Bhutani** - Director and Chief Technology Officer, Tech Alchemy
- D. Mr. Vishnu Korde** - Founder and CEO, StackOs
- E. Mr. Mahesh Balan** – CEO, Pravici LLC
- F. Moderator - Mr. Sunil Yadavalli**, Head - Business Strategy and Partnerships, Information Data Systems



Mr. Sunil Yadavalli, the Head of Business Strategy and Partnerships at Information Data Systems, skillfully moderated the panel discussion, seeking the panel's insights on the transformative role of blockchain in enhancing digital transparency and efficiency.

Initiating the conversation, he guided the panel to share their perspectives on the evolving landscape shaped by blockchain technology. In the realm of efficiency optimization, blockchain serves as a powerful tool, notably reducing reliance on traditional intermediaries.

This transformative capability is reflected in streamlined processes, accelerated transaction speeds and cost reduction across diverse sectors, spanning finance, supply chain, and healthcare. Tangible real-world applications, exemplified by automated smart contracts and traceable supply

chain solutions, vividly illustrate the concrete impact of decentralized innovation. Despite facing challenges such as scalability concerns and regulatory hurdles, the panel acknowledged ongoing efforts through continuous research, collaborative initiatives, and technological advancements. This dedicated approach is progressively overcoming these challenges, paving the way for the seamless integration of blockchain into our digital systems.

Moving beyond its status as a technological advancement, blockchain emerges as a transformative force reshaping the digital transaction landscape. This shift signifies a paradigm change from centralized to decentralized systems, with evident positive impacts on transparency and efficiency. The discussion underscored how blockchain is not just a technology upgrade but a catalyst ushering in a new era of digital transactions.

Panel Discussion 2: Progressing Past ChatGPT: Envisioning Generative AI in Corporate Settings

The panelists for the panel discussion included dignitaries such as:

- A. Dr. Yogesh Dadke - APAC IT Leader, Adient
- B. Mr. Sandeep Chadda - Principal Lead Product Manager, Microsoft
- C. Mr. Abhishek Trigunait - Former CPO & CTO, ZS
- D. Ms. Venu Yadav – Principal (Data Engineering), McKinsey & Company
- E. Mr. Ankit Sharma– Leader, Cloud & Compute Security, CISCO
- F. Mr. Sivakumar Dhakshinamoorthy - Head of Services Support and AI Security Researcher, Lenovo
- G. Moderator -Dr Ram Kumar - Cyber Security & Risk Leader, Global Automotive Major



The panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Ram Kumar, centered on the theme of envisioning Generative AI in corporate settings. Dr.Kumar highlighted the transformative nature of Generative AI, reflecting on the challenges in conceiving such technologies in the past. He emphasized both the opportunities and challenges presented by generative AI.

Ankit Sharma delved into the corporate applications; particularly how generative AI can enhance products based on customer sentiments. Sandeep emphasized that ChatGPT is a platform, not just a tool, encouraging a developer-oriented perspective. Veenu Yadav focused on the 4 C's - coding, customer experience, consumer engagement, and cybersecurity - as critical aspects. Yogesh Dadke explored the use cases in the automotive and manufacturing sectors, while Abhishek Trigunait discussed applications in healthcare, education, sales, marketing, and code writing.

Sivakumar Dhakshinamoorthy brought attention to the roles of makers, takers, and shakers in generative AI, highlighting the importance of individual creativity. The panel then discussed challenges, with Sandeep Chadda addressing potential misuse for malicious code, Veenu highlighting biases in data, and Ankit expressing concerns about privacy.

The conversation shifted to tools, with Yogesh emphasizing the importance of user-friendly APIs and the significance of data cleaning for effective generative AI. Abhishek categorized the challenges into foundational, specialist, and domain-specific tools, with Shiva elaborating on the latter, specifically Language Model (LLM).

Dr. Kumar redirected the discussion to becoming an expert in generative AI. Ankit advised starting from basics, Sandeep stressed structured learning, and Veenu suggested understanding big data and vector databases. Shiva motivated students to embrace rather than fear generative AI. Abhishek addressed bias and explainability concerns.

In conclusion, Dr. Kumar emphasized not over-relying on generative AI, highlighting its potential and challenges while encouraging a balanced approach in its adoption.

➤ **Academic Excellence Awards**

Next, Academic Excellence awards were presented to the students of batch 2021-23, 2022–24, and 2023–25.

Award	Awardee
Director’s Debut Award (2023-25)	Rishabh Kumar Bhutoria & Skanda Kesarkar
First in Systems & Finance (2021– 23)	Alisha Farzana
First in Marketing & Finance (2021 – 23)	Chellvamathi R S
First in Analytics & Finance (2021 – 23)	Damale Mohini Jitendra
Topper in Batch (2021-2023)	Damale Mohini Jitendra

Best All-Round Student (2021 – 23)	Deepsikha Hota
First in Systems & Finance (2022 – 24)	Devanjal Singh
First in Marketing & Finance (2022– 24)	Smritilekha Sarkar
First in Analytics & Finance (2022 – 24)	Gore Puneet Vijay
Best Summer Project (2021 - 23)	Ratnakar Rajasi Ajit
Best Research Project (2021 - 23)	Charisha Shyam Sukha
Best Research Project (2021 - 23)	Chaudhari Vipul Vijay

Best Research Project (2021 - 23)	Chellvamathi R S
Best Research Project (2021 - 23)	Ganugapati Sai Alekhya
Best Research Project (2021 - 23)	Keerthana P
Best Research Project (2021- 23)	Keshav Bajaj

➤ **Star Alumni Awards**

Amit Joshi from 2001-2003

Currently serving as the Senior Director at Capgemini Invent India and holding the position of Head of Telecom, Media and technology Consulting, Sir brings a wealth of industry expertise. With a distinguished career that includes roles at esteemed companies such as Tech Mahindra and Amdocs, sir holds a Certified Six Sigma Black Belt from the American Society for Quality, reflecting his unwavering commitment to excellence and efficiency.

Parth Chate from 2007-2009

Sir is a Director at Ernst & Young (EY) with an extensive 14-year track record in the Technology, Media, and Telecommunications (TMT) sector. Sir holds key responsibilities in client relationship management, project delivery, P&L oversight, and business development. With a global perspective and the ability to engage all organizational levels, sir is a highly effective problem solver, embodying a passion for quality work and continual learning. Sir has successfully led and executed multiple projects across India, South & South East Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, showcasing his global acumen.

Anshul Lal from 2001-2003

Sir is currently serving as Head Banking Alliances & Product Partnerships at Cashfree Payments, with a rich background encompassing over 15 years of dynamic experience. Sir is a performance-driven professional with rich experience in building and maintaining a strong market presence of products/services. Specializing in Digital Payments, Partnerships, Fintech, Channel creation, and Concept selling, Sir is a valuable asset to Cashfree Payments, delivering outstanding results and recognition in challenging, saturated markets.

Sheetal Zutta Kampasi from 2004-2006

Ma'am is an astute management professional currently serving as Vice President – Corporate and Investment Banking (CIB) at J.P. Morgan. With a remarkable 13-year career, ma'am has showcased exemplary leadership in steering systems and programs across diverse sectors, including Financial Reporting, Capital Markets, Treasury, and Mortgage industries. Known for being well-organized, proactive, and adaptable to dynamic conditions, Ma'am has effectively collaborated with enterprising teams across multiple global locations.

Chetan Waghulde from 2001-2003

With over 18 years of diverse experience in the Media & Telecom Industry, Sir has made significant contributions as a Marketeer and Business Transformation lead at renowned organizations including ZEE5, Star India Networks, 21st Century Fox – New York, and Bharti Airtel. Sir is currently working at Shemaroo Entertainment as Head Marketing - Broadcast. Renowned for a strong track record in brand building, market share expansion, and driving user growth, Sir's strengths lie in managing and scaling up businesses through robust consumer insights, effective communication, and collaborative leadership.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

Vallabh Jagtap from 2017-2019

With a diverse professional journey, sir has been contributing significantly to the consulting landscape. Currently serving as a Senior Consultant at Ernst & Young - Parthenon, sir has been actively involved in shaping strategic initiatives. Sir's commitment to education is evident through his role as a Visiting Faculty at SIDTM.

Sunil Yadavalli from 2015-2017

Sir is currently working as Head of Business Strategy at Information Data Systems (IDS). Following the completion of an MBA in Systems & Finance from SITM Pune, Sir joined Subex as a Consultant, contributing significantly to Managed Services and Pre-Sales. Sir has also worked at KPMG, in the role of a Management Consultant in Digital Advisory services, where sir has successfully handled diverse projects across APAC, ME, and Africa, focusing on areas such as Data Governance, Data Management, Data Security, Enterprise Risk Management, and Digital Transformation.

Arush Lakhani from 2013-2015

Sir is currently working as a Director, Sales at Gartner CXO Advisory. With a remarkable 18-year career, Sir has held pivotal roles at Airtel Business, KPIT, showcasing expertise in strategic accounts, business growth, alliances, and customer acquisition. In his current role at Gartner, Sir leads Gartner's HT Advisory for Technology Providers, largely responsible for leading a team of

account directors and driving expansion in this segment. Recognized for executive leadership, B2B engagement, and sales processes, Sir brings a wealth of insights and a keen understanding of the evolving technology landscape.

Anshuman Sen from 2007-2009

Sir is currently serving as the Technical Director at CyberSage. With over more than 13 years of experience, sir's area of experience spans AWS, Azure, and UiPath. Sir's experience includes designing and developing CI/CD pipelines and implementing AWS-based cloud security for web apps, and the latest being on VOD projects with AWS Media Convert and CloudFront. Sir has demonstrated leadership in various roles, from Head of Deliveries to Head of Sales and Business Development, managing cross-border teams, leading large-scale mobile solutions, and excelling in project management, business development, and client relationship management. Sir is also an adjunct faculty at SIDTM.

Vote of Thanks:

Ayush Sharma(Chief Coordinator-International Digital and Telecom Seminar Committee)

Ayush Sharma, Chief-Coordinator of IDTS, expressed gratitude for the success of Communique 24. He thanks Vice Chancellor Dr. Ramakrishnan Raman, Director Dr. Abhijit Chirputkar sir, and Deputy Director Dr. Giri Hallur sir for their support. He conveyed his special appreciation to convenor Mrs. Bhakti Vyawahare ma'am and the MOCs Atul, Shrishti, Sanak, and Mansha. He also thanked faculty, non-teaching staff, and the also the Brandcom team for their constant help in branding of the event. The Web n Tech team was acknowledged for creative designs, while Sparsh, CIT, and Alumni relations team and IT teams were also addressed with gratitude. Ayush thanked those who contributed to the seminar's success, including vice chief Pushkar Medhekar, the senior team and the junior team. He appreciated the audience for their patience and interaction.

Attendance List of Batch 2022-2024

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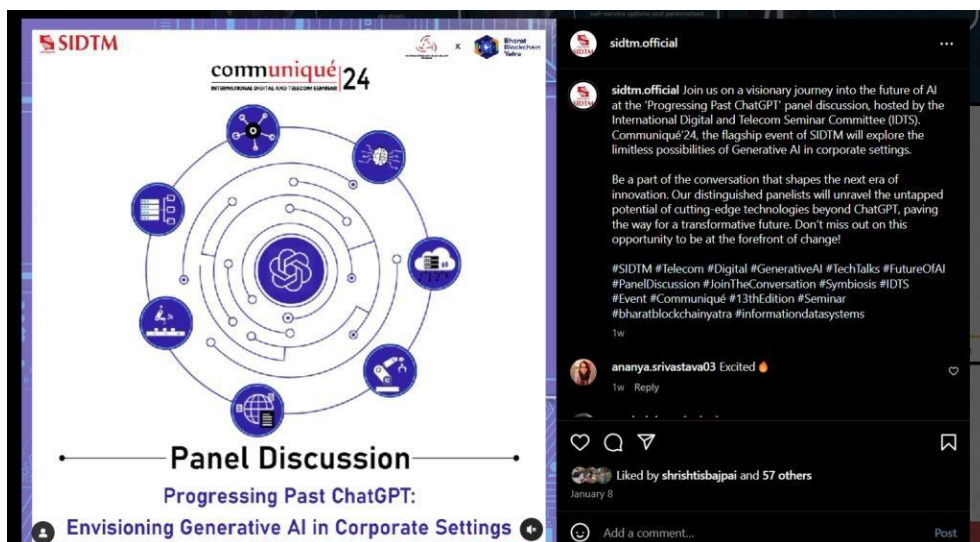
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Though often invisible, a vast network of undersea cables remains the backbone of global communication. Carrying an estimated 98% of the world's internet traffic, these fiber optic highways silently transmit data across vast oceans. The FLAG (Fiber-Optic Link Around the Globe) cable, for example, stretches an astounding 26,000 km, connecting 31 countries, a testament to the infrastructure silently keeping the world connected.

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Be a part of the conversation that shapes the next era of innovation. Our distinguished panelists will unravel the untapped potential of cutting-edge technologies beyond ChatGPT, paving the way for a transformative future. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be at the forefront of change!

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