

# Trail Blazer Award



**Prashant Gupta**

Prashant Gupta (PG) is an internet innovator with contribution to evolution of mobile-cloud information paradigm - started career with Motorola in Chicago introducing voice-based GPS navigation & RAZR maxx broadband phone – which later became part of Google and then at Microsoft, contributed to cloud computing incl. introduction of Linux in Windows Azure, acquisition of Revolution R for SQL & most recently he introduced AI Network in Healthcare – it was selected among Fast Company’s 8 Bold & Visionary Global Projects in 2017.

PG has spent more than a decade to apply mobile-cloud paradigm for social development. He co-founded Microsoft Accelerator for startups in May 2012 – a predecessor to Microsoft Ventures and partnered with Government in India to introduce *Kshмата* skilling program for Indian Army (‘10) & applied *AI for Inclusive Development* to assist school drop outs, vision impairment and climate-smart farming (‘15) – cited in Satya Nadella’s Hit Refresh Book, Prime Minister Council on Policy and most recently, as ISB visiting faculty, he did a course on Digital Transformation in Public Governance for IAS & Govt. officers.

PG graduated with MS degree from Univ. of Florida, MBA in Marketing from Kellogg, Northwestern University and is a recipient of IEEE Larry K. Wilson Award, Lt. Governor Gold Medal at University of Delhi College of Engineering in 1998.