

SHALAKA VERMA (Director - PARTNER TECHNOLOGY)



Shalaka currently leads a team of Global Cloud Solution Architects in Microsoft as Director, Partner Technology. In her current role she drives technology adoption of Azure Platform via Industry Specific Solutions built with Partners. In her extensive career, across Research, Development and Technical Sales, she has delivered several first of its kind wins for AI platforms, Database Platforms, Hybrid Cloud and Always ON Architectures. She is well conversant in Quantum Computing and was chosen to be the first Quantum Ambassador for IBM in the ISA region. She started out her career as a Scientist in HPC at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre and subsequently worked in research of GSM protocols for a global start-up (Mobileum Pvt Ltd.).

Shalaka has strong technology R&D Leadership- Has Filed three US patents in blockchain, Storage Virtualization and Big Data, one of which one has already been commercialized and converted into a licensed product feature. In her earlier roles, she has pioneered futuristic application pilots for Mobile Value Added Services and has also been awarded with Gold Medal (from honorary Prime Minister of India) for achievements as computer scientist in BARC.

Pradeep Jhunjunwala (Director - PARTNER TECHNOLOGY)



Pradeep currently leads a team of cloud solution Architects for Microsoft Azure India for partners (OCP). He has Over 20 years of successful technology experience, with broad skillset in building strategy, architecture and consulting. Started his career as a Infrastructure engineer for end user computing and moved to Datacenter. The biggest core strength of Pradeep is to understand the business problem and build IT solution to solve those. Apart from this he has a Knowledge and experience to take the project from concept to design and delivery across different segments like India PSU, Manufacturing, Oil & Gas to global majors with experience spanning pre-sales across enterprises, SMB and global enterprise.

SACHIN NAGPAL (Senior Specialist – HPC & AI)



Mr. Sachin is Solution Sales leader from Microsoft's Azure Global Black Belt team, focuses on High Performance Computing & Artificial Intelligence in the Asia Pacific region. His charter is to drive technical computing solutions and lead Azure big compute imperatives associated with various industries like Academia, Research, Manufacturing, FSI and Energy. In addition, Sachin is also leading initiatives and developing Azure based solutions by working very closely with key partners and global ISVs.

NITIN PATIL (Director Azure Lead)



He has 20+ years experience in IT & Telecom with last 10+ years into Cloud & Infra business across the industry with specialization in enabling Enterprise adopt cloud. Experience covers technology impact on business and the benefits to the organization. He has helped enterprises across segments & verticals to evaluate cloud from Infra, Security & ecosystem of partners to scale.

In the recent times, he worked closely with Microsoft ecosystem partners & customers to enable key initiatives like DC Migration/modernization, Cloud Adoption Framework, WFH solutions, SAP Infra deployment. Enabling remote work in the COVID-19 period on the Cloud as well as enable users.