



Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Institute Lecture Series

Ideas to ventures: 3 short stories



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DR. PRAVIN BHAGWAT

About the Speaker

Dr. Pravin Bhagwat is an entrepreneur and a wireless security researcher. He was Co-founder & CTO of Mojo Networks -- a product venture which started in year 2003 from Pune and grew to become a leading provider of Cloud Managed Secure Wi-Fi for the global market. In 2018, the company was acquired by Arista.

Pravin started his research career at IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center and AT&T Labs where he was a lead member of Mobile IP, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth research teams. He has numerous research papers and 27 patents to his credit.

Prior to starting his entrepreneurial journey, Dr. Bhagwat served as a Visiting Faculty at Computer Science Department, IIT Kanpur. In 2005, Pravin was awarded MIT's Global Indus Technovator Award for successfully engineering the world's first multi-hop WLAN network. Pravin is also the recipient of IIT Kanpur Distinguished Alumnus Award of 2019. Pravin has B.Tech. in Computer Science from IIT Kanpur, India and MS/PhD in computer science from the University of Maryland, College Park, USA.

About the Talk

Idea #3: 14 Trees

'14 Trees' is a utopian dream to turn environmentally degraded patches of land in Sahyadri region into green zones. Approximately 50 acres land has been successfully eco-restored in the last seven years through plantation of native species, watershed development, fire protection and nature conservation. Efforts to scale up the current model into a large scale, economically viable project are ongoing.

<https://14trees.org>

Idea #2: Through our Eyes – a feature film length documentary

Through Our Eyes is the story of batch-mates looking back at their journey of 25 years after their graduation from IIT Kanpur in year 1990. The participants in the movie talk about their memories of college years, life experiences, triumphs, trials, achievements, regrets, aspirations and longings.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1E68cgwQp14>

Idea #1: Mojo Networks

Mojo Networks made WiFi networks remarkably easy to manage and reliable at massive scale and incredibly cost effective. The company started as a 'Make in India' experiment fifteen years ago. It grew into a provider of Cloud Managed Wi-Fi for the global market. About two years ago, Mojo Networks was acquired by Arista Networks.

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