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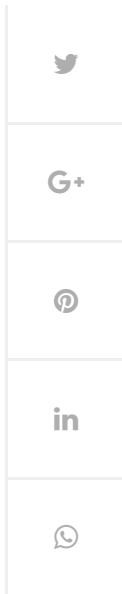


Last year we took this initiative to identify Data Scientists in the country that are helping to push the industry forward. It is a grueling exercise of sorts; we invite nominations from various organizations, irrespective of size and nature of work. We also get in touch with data scientists that we

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know personally who might not necessarily be associated with an organization.

Then an expert team of leaders, past data scientists and evangelists are asked of their opinions on those nominations, on basis of parameters like pedigree, patents, competitions participated, any pioneering work etc. Yet, at the core of it, we look for that one significant consideration- what is the contribution to the industry and ecosystem in the country.

So, here we are with this year's list. We have purposely kept the list different from last year's (given the size of analytics industry in India). We hope the list brings you some inspiration and motivation to find bigger purpose in life.



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## Abhimanyu Dasgupta

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He leads the FSI practice of Advanced Analytics professionals at Deloitte Consulting and has grown the practice from its nascence in 2006 when he'd joined as a rookie. His deep expertise in both analytics and actuarial science uniquely positions him as a key thought leader in the insurance analytics domain in US and India. As a young data scientist, he was instrumental in helping develop the first ever claims predictive model in US. This pioneering approach is a pending patent in his name. He is the only data scientist to be honored with Deloitte's prestigious RMP award, an award that recognizes the top 1% consultants.

Abhimanyu is an active contributor in external forums including events organized by the IAI and ICADABAI where he has spoken on the advent of advanced analytics and its applications in various fields including



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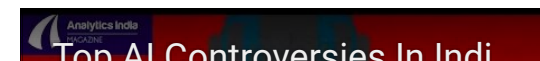
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Dinkar Sathe is Advisor, Analytical Consultant in SAS. He has around 26 years of diversified experience in quantitative analysis, problem-solving and research using statistical techniques. While studying at Purdue University he was tasked with optimizing the input levels required to create cost effective medicine tablets. After graduating with a MS Statistics degree, he started working for a leading Insurance company where he designed and developed a provider profiling system to identify potentially fraudulent or abusive patterns of medical practices. He was also instrumental in developing predictive models in the analysis of historical loss experience of automobile risks in order to identify risk characteristics that are correlated with losses. He worked in the Insurance industry for six years after which he worked for a leading credit card company in the USA where he became proficient in the credit card business.

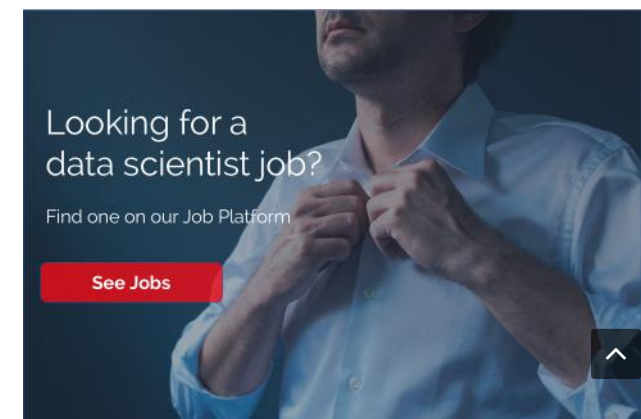


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## Manish Gupta





data science and machine learning research and to establish machine learning best practice for business. In his most recent role, Manish served as Senior Vice President, Analytics at [InfoEdge](#), parent company of Naukri, JeevanSathi, 99Acres, Shiksha etc.

He has also previously worked with Global Decision Management, Citibank as analytic lead. He has also work as Head (R&D) at Innovation Labs@24/7 Customer where he developed patented technologies for chat categorization and web acquisition engines. He has served country as Scientist at DRDO, a premier defense research organization in India. He received several awards including Scientist of the Year, Technology Award for his contribution to develop state of the analytics solutions for armed forces.

## **Nishant Chandra**

Dr. Nishant Chandra leads the AIG Science R&D group in India where he develops natural language, text mining, and machine learning models for the insurance industry. He also directs the development of natural language platform and applications such as privilege text classification, contextual summarization, and conversational sentiment abstraction. Prior to AIG, Dr. Chandra has driven innovation in BFSI, e-commerce, R&D, and mobile telecom industries in USA and India. He developed and implemented natural language predictive models that are deployed in top banks and telecom companies resulting in \$100M impacts across value chain. For his contributions, Dr. Chandra has received the prestigious Barrier fellowship and several other awards and recognition.



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## Sandhya Kuruganti

Sandhya Kuruganti is a senior analytics leader in the Indian banking industry with more than 20 years of experience. She holds a Master's degree in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics, India and a Doctorate in Economics from Rutgers University, USA. She has been one



As a management consultant, she is currently on a mission to build analytics culture at Public Sector Banks, and educate the budding data science community in India. She also conducts applied analytics training programs and has co-authored a book titled "[Business Analytics: Applications to Consumer Marketing – Sandhya Kuruganti and Hindol Basu](#)", published by McGraw Hill India in March 2015.

## Sarita Digumarti

Sarita Digumarti is the COO & Co-founder of Jigsaw Academy, a premier analytics training institute. A specialist in Analytics, Consulting, and Outsourced Services and Management, Sarita is all about numbers. Holding an MBA in Finance followed by an MA in Quantitative Economics from Tufts University, Sarita has spent over 15 years working as a data scientist helping clients across diverse sectors including retail, healthcare and financial services, both in India and the US.



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## **Sudalai Rajkumar**



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Apart from his day job, he used to take part in various data science competitions to enhance his knowledge and has won several of them. He is one of the top 25 data scientists in the world in [Kaggle](#). He is one of the top solver in CrowdAnalytix platform as well. He has published few papers in International conferences and also has a patent filed under his name.

SRK received his Bachelors degree from PSG college of Technology and got his executive certification in analytics from IIM Bangalore.

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