

## **Profile of Ashwini Kumar Rath**

An entrepreneur, author and digital technology consultant, Ashwini Rath is the Director and CEO at Batoi ([www.batoi.com](http://www.batoi.com)) and is actively involved in the strategic affairs and product development apart from serving as Director and Sr. consultant at companies co-founded by him in India and abroad. His current research interests include cloud computing, AI, IoT, and mathematical sciences apart from history and music. He is a member of Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM), Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and the IEEE Computer Society; and is a life member of Computer Society of India (CSI), Plasma Science Society of India (PSSI), and SCAAA, a local association of amateur astronomers.

Born in Odisha (India), Ashwini obtained his education completing post-graduation in theoretical physics and an advanced diploma in software management. He was a visiting student to some of the leading research institutes such as TIFR (Mumbai), IUCAA (Pune), and IOP (Bhubaneswar) during and after his studies at the University of Hyderabad. He was awarded with the best research paper presentation at the national conference of Plasma Science Society of India in 1998, and was the web editor of this national body during the year 1998-1999, while he was engaged in theoretical studies of nonlinear statistical behaviour of strongly-coupled dusty plasmas in Institute for Plasma Research (IPR) as a Research Scholar. Later Ashwini took interest in Information Technology and founded a few technology startups after a series of software consulting assignments in India and abroad.

Ashwini is a seasoned writer and has written a number of academic, business and other articles published in leading magazines and journals. A compelling and effective speaker, he is fluent in English; and has spoken in different national and international fora.

Ashwini has been involved in different social and philanthropic activities and is a strong believer of knowledge-based socio-economic development through the active participation of local populace. Ashwini is one of the members of the Board of Governors at Government College of Engineering, Kalahandi, a Member of the Management Committee at SAI International School (Bhubaneswar) and also holds the position of an Honorary Convenor for the Technology, Innovation and Start-up Think Tank, WTC Bhubaneswar. He is a life member of Blood Donors Council, Indian Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance.

Ashwini lives with his parents, wife and son; and loves Nature and Indian rural life.