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SUMMARY & MISSION

Entrepreneur, community builder, and systems engineer with over 8 years of experience spanning AI agent pipelines, enterprise cloud infrastructure, and global ecosystem scaling. Founder of DreamStarter, building autonomous AI workflows designed to preserve human agency and empower grassroots creators. Former CMO at Polygon ($3B+ market cap) and Applications Engineer at Oracle. Deeply dedicated to human-centric technology: ensuring powerful AI advancements are not gatekept, but actively elevate everyday people, non-profits, and vulnerable communities.

CORE TECHNICAL & BUILDER EXPERIENCE

DreamStarter — **Dubai, UAE & Global**

Founder & Systems Architect — *2024 - Present*

- **Human-Centric AI Pipelines & "Dreamer Pods":** Built autonomous AI agent pipelines that converse with humans to understand their goals and execute tasks across video creation, lead generation, software development, computer-use research, outreach, and design, developed in close coordination with 100+ dreamers. Integrated conversational matching workflows that connect creators with aligned peers to form collaborative "Dreamer Pods" and co-execute initiatives together.
- **Multi-Model Orchestration:** Coordinated pipelines powered by a mix of frontier models (Gemini, Claude) and open-source models, alongside real-time voice synthesis (ElevenLabs, Cartesia Voice AI) to automate production workflows while keeping humans at the center of creative direction.
- **"What's Your Dream?" Interviews:** Conducted structured conversational video interviews with 170+ grassroots creators, using AI for idea validation, narrative discovery, and connecting builders with aligned peers.
- **Featured Dreams & Real Traction:** Generated $20,000+ in revenue for creator dreams on the platform, including *Sitar World* (preserving Indian classical music traditions and acoustic heritage), eldercare advocacy (*InstaCare*), plant biodiversity mapping, an English etymology channel (400+ subscribers), and a spiritual storytelling guide (500+ subscribers).
- **Community Gatherings ("Dream House"):** Organized gatherings in Hyderabad bringing together 100+ social impact entrepreneurs, activists, and technologists to collaborate on technology for public good.

EdgeCity Ground Floor Labs — **Goa, India**

AI Resident & Local Enterprise Lead — *Concluded October 2026*

- **Grassroots AI Enablement:** Partnered with the local Goa government, 50 local businesses, and civic groups (including Save Goa and Act for Goa) to introduce practical generative AI workflows.
- **Hands-On Training:** Collaborated directly with Anthropic to train non-technical business owners on Claude, enabling individuals with no prior AI experience to automate marketing and operational tasks.

Polygon Technology — **Dubai, UAE & Singapore**

Head of Marketing and Community (CMO) — *2020 - 2021*

- **Global Rebrand:** Led the marketing strategy and global positioning rebrand from Matic Network to Polygon, supporting expansion into a $3 Billion+ market capitalization ecosystem.
- **Ecosystem Growth:** Scaled the global builder and user community to 500,000+ members, establishing developer ambassador programs across Asia-Pacific, Europe, and the Americas.

Oracle India — **Bengaluru, India**

Applications Engineer (Enterprise Cloud Systems) — *2017 - 2019*

- **Cloud Data Migration:** Engineered data migration pipelines for Oracle Sales Cloud, transferring records of millions of enterprise customers from on-premise systems to cloud databases using Java, SQL, and PL/SQL.

COMMUNITY BUILDING & CIVIC LEADERSHIP

- **Techstars Global Facilitator (2016 - Present):** Facilitated and hosted 18+ Startup Weekend events across India, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, and Italy, educating 15,000+ entrepreneurs on taking ideas from concept to prototype in 54 hours.
- **Bhutan GovTech Collaboration:** Worked closely with Bhutan's GovTech division to organize national Startup Weekends for 1,000+ Bhutanese innovators, teaching blockchain and AI, and judging national hackathons on digital identity and land registries.
- **AI Professionals Dubai (2023 - Present):** Co-organizer of an active community of 1,500+ machine learning practitioners and researchers in Dubai on Meetup (meetup.com/ai-professionals-dubai), hosting technical roundtables, AI discussions, and study cohorts across the UAE.
- **Bangalore Social Entrepreneurs Meetup (2018 - Present):** Lead organizer of a 2,000+ member community hosting 50+ discussions, social innovation roundtables, and pitch showcases.
- **UAE Creative Musician Network (2023 - Present):** Founder and organizer of an active network of 3,000+ musicians across Dubai and Abu Dhabi, coordinating jam sessions, performance opportunities, and peer collaborations.
- **Indian Classical Music (Sitar):** Sitarist with years of classical training; regularly perform sitar renditions at cultural gatherings, community events, and cross-disciplinary retreats.
- **Toastmasters International (10+ Years):** Level 4 (Motivational Strategies); former President of Khimji Toastmasters Gavel Club (Oman) and Treasurer of Oracle Titans Toastmasters (India), mentoring students and professionals in public speaking and leadership.

PROGRAMS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- **Impact Makers Program (Nov 2025):** Selected by the UAE Humanitarian Government and New Media Academy alongside 50 changemakers in the UAE for leadership in digital impact and ethical storytelling.
- **Funding the Commons Research Resident (Bangkok, 2024):** Selected for the residency organized by Funding the Commons, an international research and public goods collective incubated out of Protocol Labs Network focused on mechanisms for funding digital and physical public goods, scientific research, and open-source infrastructure. Presented on autonomous multi-agent mechanisms for public goods capital allocation and patron discovery.
- **Startup AI Compute Grants:** Awarded developer startup compute grants from ElevenLabs and Cartesia Voice AI for conversational agent speech synthesis.
- **Scholarship for Diaspora Children (SPDC, 2013 - 2017):** Full tuition merit scholarship awarded by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, covering all 4 undergraduate years.

EDUCATION

National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli (NIT Trichy) **Tamil Nadu, India**

Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) in Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) *Graduated: July 2017*

- **Academic Distinction:** First Class Honours, Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA): 7.24 / 10.0.
- **Undergraduate Thesis:** *"Real-Time Sentiment Analysis and Conversation Monitoring Chat Architecture"* (Course EE498, Grade 'A', 6 Credits, Supervised by Dr. S. Sudha). Developed algorithms to detect emotional valence, tone, and distress signals in conversational text.
- **Core Coursework:** Data Structures and Algorithms, Computer Networks, Computer Architecture, Calculus, Linear Algebra, Probability & Random Processes, Control Systems.

TECHNICAL SKILLS, LANGUAGES & INTERESTS

Software & Languages: Python, Java, SQL, PL/SQL, TypeScript, JavaScript, HTML/CSS.

AI Systems & APIs: Multi-Agent Orchestration, Anthropic Claude API, Google Gemini API, OpenAI API, Hugging Face, ElevenLabs, Cartesia Voice AI.

Languages: English (Fluent), Malayalam (Native), Hindi (Fluent), Arabic (Elementary reading/writing; conversational). Raised in Oman.

Athletics & Personal Interests: Competitive Table Tennis (TT), Indian Classical Sitar (active performance), Toastmasters International (10+ years public speaking leadership).