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Nitendra works as the Senior Vice President and Head of AI Garage in Mastercard, which builds AI-based products in the area of Cyber and Intelligence.

He has over 25 years of experience in the area of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Mobile Interactions. He has authored over 100 publications at top international ACM and IEEE venues, owing to which he has been recognized as an ACM Distinguished Scientist and a senior IEEE Member. He has delivered several tutorials and conducted workshops in AI and speech areas at top ACM venues. He has over 50 granted patents to his name. In 2012, he coauthored a book titled "Speech in Mobile and Pervasive Environments" that was published by John Wiley & Sons. In 2021, he was recognized with the Technical Role Model in AI award at Zinnov Awards. In 2022, he was recognized as an ACM Distinguished Speaker and also as Top AI Leader by Analytics India Magazine. In 2024, he was recognized as top 100 AI Thought Leaders by H2o.ai. In 2025, he was recognized as 150 executives leading the way by Constellation Research.

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