

## FEATURED IVX SPEAKER: PARIMAL KOPARDEKAR (PK)

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Parimal Kopardekar (PK) serves as the Director of NASA Aeronautics Research Institute (NARI). In that capacity, he is responsible for exploring new trends, collaborations and partnerships needs related to aviation enterprise. He also serves as NASA's senior technologist for Air Transportation Systems and principal investigator for the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Traffic Management (UTM) project. He is the recipient of many awards such as NASA Federal Invention of the Year Award, Exceptional Technology Achievement Medal, Outstanding Leadership Award, and Engineer of the Year Award; Samuel J Heyman Service to America's Promising Innovation Award; and was named among 25 most influential people in drone industry. He is Co-Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Aerospace Operations and fellow of American Aeronautics and Astronautics. He also serves as an adjunct faculty and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses related to operations management and supply chain management.



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