NEW DELHI, 27th February 2020 – International Data Corporation (IDC) has published a new IDC Innovators report profiling three companies that provide conversational software platforms utilizing artificial intelligence (AI) for use in the retail sector. The three companies are Yellow Messenger, NLPBots, and AskSid.ai.

Conversational AI software platforms are a subsegment of the artificial intelligence software platforms market, which enables communication with applications, websites, and devices in a humanlike dialect through voice or text. Retail enterprises are deploying conversational AI technologies across customer-facing touchpoints to automate processes and extend human capabilities through process augmentation. This allows the organizations to create empathy at scale shaping the future of customer experience.

"The conversational AI solutions will have a notable impact not just on existing retail environments but also would drive the redesigning of shopping ecosystems. Retail companies would be adopting chatbots to bridge the gap between online and offline channels to improve customer experiences," said Swapnil Shende, senior market analyst for Artificial Intelligence.

"Retailers are exploring AI solutions to deliver tailor-made customer experience. Conversational AI accelerates query solving and streamlines processes, thereby delivering a personalized multichannel experience," said Rishu Sharma, Principal Analyst, Cloud & AI, IDC India.

The report, IDC Innovators: Conversational AI Software Platforms in Retail in India (IDC # AP45996019), profiles three emerging vendors that offer conversational AI software platforms in retail in India.
• Yellow Messenger provides the cognitive engagement cloud platform to enable enterprises to automate business processes that drive customer & employee engagement.

• NLPBots is a deep learning algorithm platform, capable of learning from user interactions and can carry out relevant conversations for various business scenarios.

• AskSid.ai is a B2B-vertical SaaS conversational AI full-stack solution for retail and CPG brands delivering accelerated conversations by simplifying shoppers’ journeys, enriched shopper profiles, and organizations’ product catalogs.

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