



Conference Programme Brochure

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
**INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
FOR DEEP-TECH STARTUPS:
ROLE OF ENTREPRENEURIAL UNIVERSITIES**

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Venue:

**JN TATA Auditorium
IISc, Bangalore, India**

Date: 20th to 22th May 2026

Inaugural Function

20 May 2026

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DR. PRAHLADA RAMARAO**

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DAY 1

20 May 2026, Wednesday

08:00 am - 08:45 am

Registration

09:00 am - 11:00 am

Inaugural Function

11:00 am - 11:30 am

High Tea

11:30 am - 01:00 pm

Panel Discussion - 1: How to Promote Entrepreneurial Universities?

Moderator



PROF. B GURUMOORTHY
CEO, Foundation for Science
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Panelists

01:00 pm - 02:00 pm

Lunch Break

02:00 pm - 03:30 pm

*Topics for Invited Session - 1 **



PROF. B GURUMOORTHY
CEO, Foundation for Science
Innovation and Development
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Entrepreneurship
Activities and
Experience of IISc



MR. NAOTO NAKADATE
Japan External Trade
Organization
Bangalore

The Bridge Role of
Government and Industry
for Entrepreneurial
Universities Realization



PROF. AJAY K MANRAI
University of Delaware
USA

Marketing for Tech
Entrepreneurs

03:30 pm - 04:00 pm

Tea Break

04:00 pm - 05:30 pm

*Topics for Invited Session - 2 **



**PROF. REKHA
RAO-NICHOLSON**
University of Essex
UK

From Lab to Market:
How Entrepreneurial
Universities Create
Deep-Tech
Breakthroughs



DR. SUDEENDRA KOUSHIK
IEEE-TEMS

Research & Innovation
for Deep-Tech: Role of
Universities & Beyond



PROF. OLUBAYI OLUBAYI
Cavendish University
Uganda

The Private Sector
Should Establish
World-Class
Entrepreneurial
Universities in Africa

05:30 pm - 07:30 pm

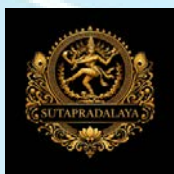
Cultural Programme

Bharatanatyam by:

Smt. Rama Prasad's Team

Flute by:

Venu Brahma Vid B K Anantharam & Team



07:30 pm - 08:30 pm

Banquet Dinner

DAY 2

21 May 2026, Thursday

09:00 am - 10:30 am

*Topics for Invited Session - 3 **



PROF. ANGELINA YEE
Asia Pacific University of
Technology and Innovation
Malaysia

University Incubator
Consortium: A Collaborative
Model for Entrepreneurship
and Research



PROF. CHARAN SINGH
Founder and CEO
EGROW Foundation
NOIDA

Strengthening Interaction
between Academia and
Industry: Role of MSME
University



DR. PRAJAKTA KHARE
Meiji Gakuin University
Japan

New and Emerging Startup
Ecosystems: Insights from
Tokyo

10:30 am - 11:00 am

Tea Break

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

*Topics for Invited Session - 4 **



PROF. TAKAHIRO SATO
Research Institute for Economics and
Business Administration
Kobe University
Japan

Management Practices
and Firm Performance:
Evidence from Japanese
Companies Operating in
India



PROF. AVVARI MOHAN
Monash University
Malaysia

Enhancing Entrepreneurship
Education Initiatives in
Universities through Strategic
Partnerships



MR. THEJASVI D S
IREU

AI Diffusion Across
Industries: Shaping the Next
Generation of Deep-Tech
Founders

12:30 pm - 01:30 pm

Lunch

01:30 pm - 03:00 pm

*Panel Discussion - 2: Financing of Deep-Tech Startups **

Moderator



**MR. AVNISH
SABHARWAL**
MD
Accenture Ventures &
Ecosystem Lead



**MR. ROHIT
JHUNJHUNWALA**
Partner
IN44 Capital



MR. RAVI JAIN
Investment Director
TDK Ventures



**MR. ANEESH
REDDY**
CEO
Capillary Technologies



**MR. M D
RAMASWAMY**
Founder
AIPod



**MR. V
LAXMIKANTH**
Managing Partner
Pavestone Capital

Panelists

03:00 pm - 03:30 pm

Tea Break

03:30 pm - 05:00 pm

*Topics for Invited Session - 5 **



DR. FLORIAN TAUBE
RWK Competence Centre
Germany

The Role of Ecosystems and
Policy for Deep-Tech University
Spin-Outs: Evidence from
Germany



MR. RAVI JAIN
Investment Director
TDK Ventures

India's Deep-Tech:
What to Build Next



MR. KAUSIK MANDAL
Founder
ETQ Global

Entrepreneurial Thinking for
Everyone - in the Age of AI

05:00 pm - 06:30 pm

*Panel Discussion - 3: How to Publish in Top Journals? **

Moderator



**PROF. AVVARI
MOHAN**
Monash University
Malaysia



**PROF. AJAY K
MANRAI**
University of Delaware
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University of Essex
UK



**PROF. SREEVAS
SAHASRANAMAM**
University of Glasgow
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06:30 pm - 08:00 pm

08:00 pm - 09:00 pm

Cultural Programme

Networking Dinner



** Parallel Paper and Pitch Deck Presentations at Halls A, B and C*

DAY 3

22 May 2026, Friday

09:00 am - 10:30 am

*Topics for Invited Session - 6 **



PROF. JON THOMAS
University of the Fraser Valley
Canada

Science and Technology
Commercialization for Social
Impact



PROF. ROLAND HAAS
Adjunct Professor
IIIT Bangalore and Co-Founder:
Bumblebee Folks GmbH
ARAI Solutions

Building Deep-Tech
Startups Through Co-
Creation



**PROF. SREEVAS
SAHASRANAMAM**
University of Glasgow
UK

Biomedical Innovation in
India: Co-creating
Ecosystems for Health and
Impact

10:30 am - 11:00 am

Tea Break

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

*Topics for Invited Session - 7 **



**PROF. RAJEEV
KAMINENI**
The Adelaide University
Australia

Hasta La Vista, Baby: Is It
Goodbye, or Is There a Role for
Universities in Movie Industry
Deep-Tech Start-ups?



DR. GAYITHRI KARNAM
Former Professor
Institute for Social and
Economic Change

Fiscal Incentives for Tech
Startups and Deep-Tech
Startups and Their
Implications



DR. JOANNA STRYJEK
Warsaw School of Economics
Poland

The Role of Universities in
the Context of the
Internationalisation of
Startups

12:30 pm - 01:30 pm

Lunch

01:30 pm - 03:00 pm

*Panel Discussion - 4: From AI-Based Deep-Tech Startups to Scalable Innovation **

Moderator



**MR. KIRAN
BETTADAPUR**
Blaze Ventures



MR. AKHIL G
Mercedes-Benz
Research and
Development India
Pvt. Ltd.



**PROF. S
NAGARAJAN**
Director
Innovation ScaleUp
Advisors Pvt. Ltd.



**MR. GIRISH
KHAROSEKAR**
Scalewise Advisors
LLP



**DR. ANJU
GUPTA**
Partner
IvyCap Ventures



**MR. ABHISHEK
UPPERWAL**
Founder
Soket Labs

Panelists

03:00 pm - 03:30 pm

Tea Break

03:30 pm - 05:00 pm

Panel Discussion - 5: University Ecosystem for Deep-Tech Startups

Moderator



**PROF. BHASKAR
BHOWMICK**
IIT Kharagpur



**PROF. G ARUN
KUMAR**
IIT Madras



**PROF. GOURAV
DWIVEDI**
IIT Delhi



**PROF. B V
PHANI**
IIT Kanpur



**PROF. KIRANKUMAR
MOMAYA**
IIT Bombay



DR. NAGESH KINI
CTO
Vimano EWA Pvt. Ltd.



MR. MAITRAI MAKA
Founder
Rekise Marine

Panelists

05:00 pm - 07:00 pm

Valedictory Session

07:00 pm onwards

High Tea



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