



## 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: 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

## Inaugural Function

20 May 2026

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**PADMA SHRI  
DR. PRAHLADA RAMARAO**  
Former Distinguished Scientist - DRDO

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Director and Senior Fellow  
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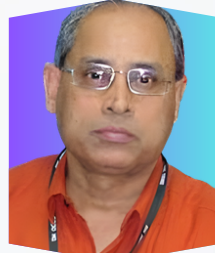


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## Valedictory Function

22 May 2026

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**DR. RAMANAN RAMANATHAN**  
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**DR. ANSHUMAN AWASTHI**  
Sr. VP and Head for Powertrain Engineering  
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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  
Innovation and Development  
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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  
IISc

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**

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

**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**  
 Founder & CEO  
 IREU, School for Startups

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: 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

**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  
 USA



**PROF. KIRANKUMAR  
 MONAYA**  
 IIT - Bombay



**PROF. NOEL  
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**PROF. REKHA  
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 University of Essex  
 UK



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

**06:30 pm - 08:00 pm**

**08:00 pm - 09:00 pm**

**Cultural Programme**

**Networking Dinner**



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**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  
IIT 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: Financing of Deep-Tech Startups \**

**Moderator**



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



**MR. ROHIT  
JHUNJHUNWALA**  
Partner  
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**MR. RAVI JAIN**  
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**MR. V  
LAXMIKANTH**  
Managing Partner  
Pavestone Capital

**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  
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IIT Kanpur



**PROF. KIRANKUMAR  
MOMAYA**  
IIT Bombay



**DR. NAGESH KINI**  
CTO  
Vimano EWA Pvt. Ltd.



**MR. MAITRAI MAKA**  
Founder  
Rekise Marine

**05:00 pm - 07:00 pm**

**Valedictory Session**

**07:00 pm onwards**

**High Tea**

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