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MORNING SESSION

DAY-01

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8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	**INVOCATION & CEREMONIAL LAMP LIGHTING**
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	**OPENING REMARKS & INTRODUCTION BY DR. C S CHANDRAHAAS** *Assistant Professor,* *Department of Management and Commerce.*
9:15 AM - 9:45 AM	**MS. AYESHA KHANUM** *Chairperson, Karnataka State Media Academy* TOPIC: Redefining the Newsroom: Leadership, Innovation and Impact in the Age of AI
9:50 AM - 11:00 AM	**STUDENT PANEL DISCUSSION** *BY MBA STUDENTS (GIRLS)* TOPIC: Will AI Replace Managers—or Transform the Way Managers Lead?
11:05 AM - 11:35 AM	**TEA / NETWORKING BREAK**

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11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

ALUMNI – "ASK ME ANYTHING"

MS. SAI GEETHA M N
Senior Director, Software Engineering, Lowe's India.

MS. SAIPRIYA VISWANATHAN MUDALIAR
Senior Manager- Search and Discovery, Amazon, Six Sigma Black Belt.

MS. NIDHI AGARWAL
Founder and Managing Director, Zepspace.

MS. KEERTHI PERATLA
Founder,
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SRI KATHI SAI YASWANTH REDDY
Founder,
Eco Handles.

SRI M.JEEVAN KUMAR, CFA
Assistant Vice President,
Capital Advisory and Governance.

SRI SUNDAR PRASAD
Financial Data Specialist
Moody's Ratings.

SRI PRASHANTH S.
Investment Associate,
Premji Invest.

LUNCH

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM

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AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 PM – 4:15 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT WITH PEOPLE LEADERS:

MODERATOR: DR. SAI GIRIDHAR SAIRAM
Executive Coach & CPO,
SKN Organics Pvt. Ltd.

DR. SAI PRASAD ACHARYA
Vice President, Human Resources,
Reliance Retail.

MS. SIRISHA MOPARTHI
Senior HR Business Partner (Head-APAC),
Milliman.

SRI RAVISHANKAR VENKATESWARAN
AI Experience Lead,
Puppetica Media.

MS. RENUKA B.L.
Founder, ACE it- Human Skills and Career Discovery & Advisor,
KPMG.

TOPIC: Beyond the Algorithm: Human Responsibility in the Age of AI.

4:20 PM – 5:00 PM

FUTURE BUILDERS DIALOGUE: BUILDING IN THE AGE OF AI

MS. LATHIKA PAI
Founder, Sonder Connect | Former MD, Microsoft for Startups (MENA).

In Conversation With

SRI KARTHIK SHENOY
Senior Analyst – Investments (SAI).

TOPIC: A Moderated Conversation on Leadership, Innovation, and the Future of AI .

5:00 PM – 5:15 PM **REFLECTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

5:15 PM – 5:30 PM **TEA BREAK**

5:45 PM – 6:45 PM **SHAAM-E-SAAZ BY BRINDAVAN MUSIC GROUP**
An *evening of music, melody and rhythm.*

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DAY-02

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MORNING SESSION

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

INVOCATION & WELCOME; REFLECTIONS

9:05 AM – 9:40 AM

MS. SWATI RUSTAGI
Vice President and Head of HR, Adobe India.

TOPIC: Leadership Judgement in the AI World.

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM

SRI SUDHEER WARRIER
CTO,
Sundaram Finance.

TOPIC: Leading in the Age of AI:
The Human Side of Digital Transformation.

10:35 AM – 11:25 AM

STUDENT PANEL DISCUSSION
BY MBA STUDENTS (BOYS)

TOPIC: The AI-Ready Manager: What Should Managers Do Differently in the Age of AI.

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

TEA / NETWORKING BREAK

11:50 AM – 12:30 PM

SRI PRASAD CHALASANI
Director of IT,
Caterpillar India Engineering Services Pvt. Ltd.

TOPIC: Managing Changeless in Change.

12:35 PM – 1:25 PM

SRI VIJAY MENON
Executive Strategy Coach to C-Suite Global Executives of Fortune 500 corporations & Blue-Chip Indian Companies.

TOPIC: Managing the Timeless in the March of Time.

1:30 PM – 1:40 PM

REFLECTIONS & VOTE OF THANKS

1:40 PM

MANGALA ARATHI

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SPEAKERS



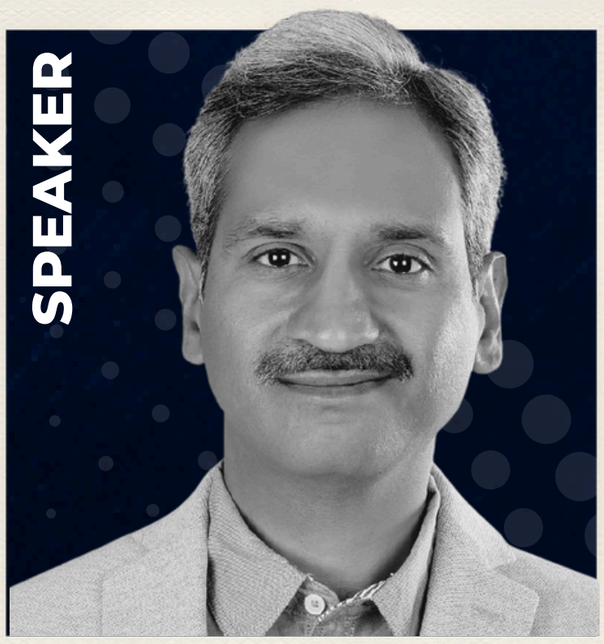
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With People Leaders

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