DEPARTMENT OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP & LIVELIHOOD
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

2ND EDITION

BENGALURU SKILL SUMMIT 2026

WORKFORCE 2030: SCALE, SYSTEMS, SYNERGY

3 – 5 November 2026 | The Lalit Ashok, Bengaluru | Time Zone: IST (GMT+5:30)

DAY 1 — TUESDAY, 03 NOVEMBER 2026

Summit Inauguration & Leadership Networking Dinner

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION ZONE

Registration & Networking

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Inauguration by Sri D.K. Shivakumar, Hon'ble Chief Minister; Dr. G. Parameshwara, Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister; Dr. Sharanparakash Rudrappa Patil, Hon. Minister, SDEL, and dignitaries

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (18)

- **Shri D.K. Shivakumar** — Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka
- **Dr. G. Parameshwara** — Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka
- **Dr. Sharanprakash R Patil** — Hon'ble Minister for Medical Education and Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Livelihood, Government of Karnataka
- **Dr. M. B. Patil** — Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, Government of Karnataka
- **Shri Priyank Kharge** — Hon'ble Minister for Home, Information Technology and Biotechnology, and E-Governance, Government of Karnataka
- **Shri Basavaraja Rayareddy** — Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Karnataka
- **Shri Santosh S. Lad** — Hon'ble Minister for Labour, Government of Karnataka
- **Shri Rizwan Arshad** — Hon'ble Minister for Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Karnataka
- **Shri Vijayananda Kashappanavar** — Hon'ble Minister for Small Scale Industries and Public Enterprises, Government of Karnataka
- **Subroto Bagchi** — Chairman, Vision Group for Skill Development, Government of Karnataka
- **Dr. E. V. Ramana Reddy, IAS (R)** — Chairman, Karnataka Skill Development Authority
- **Guruprasad Mudlapur** — President, Bosch Group India
- **Rangesh Raghavan** — Corporate Vice President & Managing Director, Lam Research India
- **Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, IAS** — Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka
- **Uma Mahadevan** — Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka
- **Smt. Shivakantamma (Kanta) Naik** — Chairperson, Karnataka Skill Development Corporation, and Karnataka Vocational Training & Skill Development Corporation
- **Shri Subodh Yadav, IAS** — Principal Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood
- **Dr. Ravi M Tirlapur, KAS** — Managing Director, Karnataka Skill Development Corporation, and Karnataka Vocational Training and Skill Development Corporation

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Networking Dinner

DAY 2 — WEDNESDAY, 04 NOVEMBER 2026

Workforce 2030: Policy, Emerging Skills & Industry Roundtables

PLENARY STAGE & MAIN KEYNOTES (GRAND BALLROOM)

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

REGISTRATION ZONE

Registration and Networking

10:00 AM – 10:10 AM

PLENARY STAGE

Opening Remarks

Opening Remarks

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Dr. E. V. Ramana Reddy, IAS (R)** — Chairman, Karnataka Skill Development Authority

10:10 AM – 10:40 AM

PLENARY STAGE Keynote

Skill Development, Human Transformation & Karnataka in the Lead

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Subroto Bagchi** — Chairman, Vision Group for Skill Development, Government of Karnataka

10:40 AM – 11:20 AM

PLENARY STAGE

Panel Discussion

Upskilling, Reskilling and Lifelong Learning: Keeping the Workforce Future Ready

Emerging Skills

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (5)

- **Gopal Devanahalli** — President, Skills Development Network
- **Dr. Nidhi Pundhir** — VP, Global CSR, HCLTech and, Director, HCL Foundation
- **Ranganath Sadasiva** — Chief Technology Officer, Hewlett Packard Enterprise India Pvt Ltd
- **Vinay Kumar Swamy** — Country Head, Pearson India
- **Kasturi Cotha** — Global Head, HR, Subex, Hon. Vice President, NHRD Bangalore Chapter

11:20 AM – 11:40 AM

PLENARY STAGE

Fireside Chat

The Future of Work: What Jobs Will Survive, Transform and Disappear?

Emerging Skills

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (2)

- **N.S. Parthasarathy** — Managing Partner, Mela Ventures
- **Prashasti Rastogi** — Sr Director, Coursera

11:40 AM – 12:20 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Panel Discussion

Inclusive Skilling: Closing the Gap in Workforce Participation

Skills for All

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (5)

- **Uma Mahadevan** — Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka
- **Dr. Ananthalakshmi Venkitaraman** — Founder, EquiBeing Foundation
- **Meera Rajeevan** — Chief Operating Officer, Vidyadhan - Shibulal Family Philanthropic Initiatives
- **Rajiv Kumar Sharma** — Founder and Managing Director, Empower Pragati
- **Prateek Madhav** — Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, AssisTech Foundation

12:20 PM – 12:50 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Fireside Chat

Global Best Practices in Skilling

Global Skills

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (3)

- **Siegfried Leffler** — Director of Global Operations, GIZ International Services
- **Anna Kuhnt** — Founder & CEO, Quadrigo Pvt. Ltd., Co-Founder & President, Expat Business Council
- **Saurabh Srivastava** — CMO & Head Business Development, IIMBx Digital Learning Foundation (IIMB)

12:50 PM – 2:00 PM

Networking Lunch

2:00 PM – 2:40 PM

PLENARY STAGE Keynote

From Skilling to Systemic Change

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Dr. Gururaj 'Desh' Deshpande** — Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, and Ecosystem builder, Deshpande Foundation

2:40 PM – 3:20 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Panel Discussion

Workforce 2030: Karnataka's Roadmap from Policy to Execution

Cross Track

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (5)

- **Dr. Sharanprakash R Patil** — Hon'ble Minister for Medical Education and Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Livelihood, Government of Karnataka
- **Dr. M. B. Patil** — Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, Government of Karnataka
- **Shri Priyank Kharge** — Hon'ble Minister for Home, Information Technology and Biotechnology, and E-Governance, Government of Karnataka
- **Shri Basavaraja Rayareddy** — Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Karnataka
- **Dr. Gayathri Vasudevan** — Chief Impact Officer, Sambhav Foundation

3:20 PM – 3:50 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Fireside Chat

Innovative Financing Models in Skills Delivery

Innovation

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (3)

- **P. N. Nayak** — Chief Executive Officer, Deshpande Skilling
- **Shaina Ganapathy** — Head - Community Outreach Initiatives, Embassy Group
- **Arshdeep Kaur** — Assistant Consultant, Oxford Policy Management

3:50 PM – 4:30 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Panel Discussion

Degrees, Skills and Employability: Finding the Right Balance

Emerging Skills

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (5)

- **Bindu Ajit** — Head, Biocon Academy
- **Mekin Maheshwari** — Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Udhyam Learning Foundation
- **Mohan Lakhamraju** — Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Great Learning
- **Nitin Kumar Reddy K** — Chief Executive Officer, Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge
- **Madhuri Dubey** — Founder - Director, National Skills Network - NSN

4:30 PM – 5:10 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Panel Discussion

Skills Development Through CSR: Models That Delivered Real Impact

Innovation

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (4)

- **Amit Mannan** — Vice President and Head of the Network Team, Samsung R&D Institute India - Bangalore (SRI-B)
- **Rumi Mallick Mitra** — Global Head - Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, EY GDS
- **Sakina Baker** — Head - CSR, Bosch Limited
- **Vinod Prabhu** — Managing Director, Seventh Sense

5:10 PM – 5:50 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Panel Discussion

Assessing Skills Beyond the Certificates

Innovation

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (4)

- **Nidhi Goyal** — Chief Operating Officer, Tata Indian Institute of Skills
- **Raj Gilda** — Co-founder, Lend A Hand India
- **Dr. Suresh Bhojraj** — Pro Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysuru, Director, Technical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha
- **Ramachandra Rao KN** — TVET Professional

5:50 PM – 6:10 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Special Address

The Smart Economics of Human Potential: Why Inclusion is not Charity, but Good Business

Skills for All

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Alina Alam** — Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Mitti Cafe

6:10 PM – 6:30 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Cultural Performance

INNOVATION STAGE SESSIONS

11:00 AM – 11:10 AM

INNOVATION STAGE

Opening Remarks

Opening Remarks

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Naveen Bharadwaj** — Group CEO, Trescon

11:10 AM – 11:30 AM

INNOVATION STAGE

Keynote

Building India's Digital Talent Advantage

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Dr. Abhilasha Gaur** — CEO, SSC Nasscom

11:30 AM – 11:50 AM

INNOVATION STAGE

Fireside Chat

Work Transformation by AI

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (3)

- **Kashi KS** — Co-founder and CTO, Kalmantic AI Labs
- **Roopesh Kumar** — Principal Director, LTI Mindtree
- **Giridhar Vishwanath** — CEO & Co-founder, Nuvepro

11:50 AM – 11:55 AM

INNOVATION STAGE

Nuvepro Book Launch

11:55 AM – 12:15 PM

INNOVATION STAGE

Fireside Chat

Preparing Young People for Their First Job in an AI-Enabled Economy

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (2)

- **Gopal Devanahalli** — President, Skills Development Network
- **Dr. Padmini Ram** — Founding Director, Urban Ethnographers

12:15 PM – 12:35 PM

INNOVATION STAGE

Keynote

AI, Employability and the New Skills Economy: Building a Workforce Ready for 2030

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Bhavya Suri** — Director, Corporate Affairs, Pearson

12:35 PM – 1:15 PM

INNOVATION STAGE

Panel Discussion

From Skilling to Outcomes: Building India's First Outcomes-Led Skilling Ecosystem

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (5)

- **Chithra Thomas** — Founder and CEO, Talent Vantage
- **Jai Advani** — India Consulting Leader, RSM US Integrated Services India
- **Sowmya Moni** — Director, WIBD India Foundation
- **Subha Mahata** — VP, KDEM
- **Anuj Agrawal** — Founder and CEO, Zyoin Group and Workplace Company

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

INNOVATION STAGE

Apna Vikas Engagement Activity

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Venkatesh Madurai Subramanian** — CEO, Apna Vikas

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

INNOVATION STAGE

Skillathon 2026 Grand Jury Pitches

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Shri BV Naidu** — Chairman, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission, Government of Karnataka

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

INNOVATION STAGE

Felicitation Ceremony for Winners of Karnataka Skill Olympics 2025–26

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (5)

- **Dr. Sharanprakash R Patil** — Hon'ble Minister for Medical Education and Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Livelihood, Government of Karnataka
- **Smt. Shivakantamma (Kanta) Naik** — Chairperson, Karnataka Skill Development Corporation, and Karnataka Vocational Training & Skill Development Corporation
- **Dr. E. V. Ramana Reddy, IAS (R)** — Chairman, Karnataka Skill Development Authority
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HIGH-LEVEL LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLES (ROOMS 1 & 2)

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	ROUNDTABLE (ROOM 1)	**The Missing Link: Can We Skill PwDs Without Creating Jobs?**
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	ROUNDTABLE (ROOM 2)	**From Campus to Capability: Building Karnataka's Healthcare & Life Sciences Talent Pipeline for a Changing Healthcare Economy**
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	ROUNDTABLE (ROOM 1)	**Karnataka as a Catalyst: Bridging the Green Skills Gap for Workforce 2030**
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	ROUNDTABLE (ROOM 2)	**Smart Factories to Smarter Minds: Skilling India's Future Workforce**
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	ROUNDTABLE (ROOM 3)	**Global Partnerships for Skills and Talent Mobility: Connecting Karnataka with the World**

DAY 3 — THURSDAY, 05 NOVEMBER 2026

Innovation, Global Mobility, Kaushalya Awards & Valedictory

PLENARY STAGE, KAUSHALYA KARNATAKA AWARDS & VALEDICTORY

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

REGISTRATION ZONE

Registration and Networking

10:00 AM – 10:10 AM

PLENARY STAGE

Opening Remarks

Opening Remarks

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Shri Subodh Yadav, IAS** — Principal Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood

10:10 AM – 10:40 AM

PLENARY STAGE Keynote

Keynote Address

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Smt. Debashree Mukherjee, IAS** — Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India

10:40 AM – 11:20 AM

PLENARY STAGE

Panel Discussion

The Rise of Hands-On Careers: New Opportunities in Skilled Employment

Emerging Skills

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (4)

- **Kaushik Mudda** — Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Ethereal Machines
- **Jeyamalini Natesan** — Chief Human Resources Officer, Ashirvad by aliaxis
- **Rashmi Ranjan Mohapatra** — Chief Executive Officer, Odisha Skill Development Project II World Skill Center
- **Pompayya H M** — Associate Vice President - Operations & Business, Bharat Forge Limited

11:20 AM – 11:50 AM

PLENARY STAGE

Fireside Chat

The Care Economy: Preparing Talent for Global Opportunities

Global Skills

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (3)

- **Meena Ganesh** — Co-founder and Chairperson, Portea Medical
- **Ashish Labroo** — Head, India Business & Global Expansion, BorderPlus Careers Technologies Pvt. Ltd
- **Gayatri Rao** — Founder & CEO, NextGen HealthTech Academy

11:50 AM – 12:30 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Country Partner Session

Empowering the Future Workforce: Innovation, Skills and Industry Collaboration

Global Skills

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (5)

- **Mamoru Mizoguchi** — General Manager, Kimura Foundry
- **Raghav Badhya T V** — President and Director, Makino India Pvt Ltd
- **Ratnesh Kumar** — Founder & CEO, iTips Group, iTips Private Limited (iTips Inc., Japan)
- **Swastik Kulkarni** — Director General, JETRO, Bengaluru
- **Takako Oshibuchi** — CEO, NAVIS Human Resources Private Limited

12:30 PM – 1:10 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Panel Discussion

Learning from India's Leading Skills Ecosystems

Cross Track

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (4)

- **Smt. Manisha Verma, IAS** — Additional Chief Secretary, Skills, Employment, Entrepreneurship And Innovation Department, Government of Maharashtra
- **Shri Bhupendra Singh Poonia, IAS** — Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Skill Development and Technical Education Department, Government of Odisha
- **Smt. Vasireddi Vijaya Jyothsna IAS** — Mission Director, National Livelihood Mission, Karnataka
- **Ajay Vij** — Senior Country Managing Director, Accenture Solutions Pvt Ltd

1:10 PM – 2:00 PM

Networking Lunch

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Fireside Chat

How will AI Augment Skillsets?

Innovation

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (3)

- **Dr. Vivek Raghavan** — Co-Founder, Sarvam AI
- **Ankush Sabharwal** — Founder & CEO, CoRover.ai
- **Sanjeev Kumar Gupta** — CEO, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM)

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

PLENARY STAGE Keynote

From Workforce to Imagination Force

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Biren Ghose** — Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Astra Studios

3:00 PM – 3:40 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Panel Discussion

Turning Skills into Global Careers

Global Skills

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (5)

- **Hiroshi Nawata** — Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Bengaluru
- **Annett Baessler** — Deputy Head, Consulate General of Germany in Bangalore
- **Sam Cherian Kumbukattu** — Vice Chairman CII Karnataka State Council 2026- 27, Founding Chairman Schevaran Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.
- **Yongjoo Yoo** — Founder & CEO, Duru Lab
- **Saraswathi Ramachandra** — Managing Director, Lightcast

3:40 PM – 4:10 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Fireside Chat

Traditional Skills in Karnataka: Can Heritage Become the Next Generation of Enterprise?

Skills for All

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (3)

- **Arati Hiremath** — Founder, Aartikrafts
- **Dr. Arun Yogiraj** — Sculptor Artist
- **Phani Sama** — Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Deshpande Educational Trust

4:10 PM – 4:30 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Special Address

Developing an Astronaut Mindset towards Nation Building

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair (Kirti Chakra)** — Astronaut, Sci/Eng -'G', ISRO, Air Commodore, IAF

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Panel Discussion

Skill Champions: Beyond Medals — Inspiring Through Passion, Perseverance & Performance

Cross Track

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (10)

- **Smriti Nambiar** — Silver Medal & the Best of Nation Award, Bakery
- **Abhishek Shignalli** — Medallion for Excellence, Robot Systems Integration
- **Deepu S** — Medallion for Excellence, Mechatronics
- **Dhanush Madhugiri Govindaraju** — Medallion for Excellence, Electrical Installations
- **Jayanth K** — Medallion for Excellence, Mechatronics
- **Mallinath** — Medallion for Excellence, Industry 4.0
- **Pavan B S** — Medallion for Excellence, Additive Manufacturing
- **Suhan Mascarenhas** — Medallion for Excellence, Industry 4.0
- **Vinay M H** — Medallion for Excellence, Robot Systems Integration
- **Ranjan Choudhury** — Honorary Member, WorldSkills International

5:00 PM – 5:10 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Key Takeaways from Bengaluru Skill Summit 2026

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Smt. Shilpa M., IAS** — Commissioner, Department of Industrial Training and Employment

5:10 PM – 5:50 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Kaushalya Karnataka Awards

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (2)

- **Dr. Sharanprakash R Patil** — Hon'ble Minister for Medical Education and Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Livelihood, Government of Karnataka
- **Smt. Shivakantamma (Kanta) Naik** — Chairperson, Karnataka Skill Development Corporation, and Karnataka Vocational Training & Skill Development Corporation

5:50 PM – 6:20 PM

PLENARY STAGE

Cultural Performance

Cultural Performance

INNOVATION STAGE SESSIONS

11:00 AM – 11:10 AM
INNOVATION STAGE
Opening Remarks

Opening Remarks

11:10 AM – 12:20 PM
INNOVATION STAGE
Special Address

From Rural AI Skills to Local Economic Opportunities

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Madan Padaki** — Founder, JanAI, and Member, Vision Group for Skill Development, Government of Karnataka

12:20 PM – 12:40 PM
INNOVATION STAGE
Keynote

From Skilling to Systems: Building India's Future-Ready Talent Ecosystem

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Shipra Sharma** — CSR Leader India South Asia, IBM

12:40 PM – 1:20 PM
INNOVATION STAGE
Panel Discussion

Workforce 2030: Bridging Academia, AI, and Human Capability for Next-Gen Talent

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (5)

- **Anil Santhapuri** — Head, Academy for Management and Leadership Excellenc, TVS Motor
- **Gayatri Rao** — Founder & CEO, NextGen HealthTech Academy
- **Sumanth Prabhu MG** — Co-founder and CEO, Kidvento Education and Research Pvt Ltd
- **Umang Surana** — Co-founder, Capabl India
- **Vinay Martin Mascarnhas** — Events Director, Trescon

1:20 PM – 1:50 PM
INNOVATION STAGE
Panel Discussion

Yuva Voices on Building a Future-Ready Workforce from the Classroom

1:50 PM – 2:05 PM
INNOVATION STAGE
Keynote

Industry 5.0: What Skills Will the Next Industrial Revolution Demand?

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Pompayya H M** — Associate Vice President - Operations & Business, Bharat Forge Limited

2:05 PM – 2:25 PM
INNOVATION STAGE
Keynote

Digital Education: A Silver Bullet Despite Challenges

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (1)

- **Sitaraman Shankar** — Chief Executive Officer, IIMBx Digital Learning Foundation (IIMB)

2:25 PM – 3:05 PM
INNOVATION STAGE
Panel Discussion

Building a Future-Ready Talent Pool through Skilling and Global Collaboration

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (5)

- **Amrita Tiwary** — Head Karnataka Chapter, Indo-American Chamber of Commerce
- **Raghupathi Cavale** — Director, MILES - Manipal Centre for Innovation, Leadership & Entrepreneurship
- **Raj C Mruthyunjappa** — Chairman & Managing Director, Talisma Corporations Pvt Ltd.
- **Vijai Velu** — CEO & CoFounder, Elfonze Technologies Pvt Ltdorations Pvt Ltd.
- **Nirupama V G** — Founder & Managing Director, Ad Astra Consultants Pvt Ltd

3:05 PM – 3:25 PM
INNOVATION STAGE
Keynote

The Blue DotsAI Economy: Enabling Proximal Discovery of Demand to Unlock Economic Potential

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (2)
- **Pankaj Singh Thakur** — CEO, Head Held High Foundation
- **Adarsh Vijayakumar** — Consultant, EkStep Foundation

3:25 PM – 3:30 PM
INNOVATION STAGE

Product Launch: NetSkill by GoodWorks – AI-Powered Workforce Training & Learning Ecosystem

3:30 PM – 3:50 PM
INNOVATION STAGE
Fireside Chat

Higher Education and Skills: Preparing Graduates for the World of Work

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS (2)
- **Venkappayya R Desai** — Professor & Director, Indian Institute of Technology Dharwad
- **Basavaraj Nagaraju** — CEO, RV-Skills

HIGH-LEVEL LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLES (ROOMS 1, 2, 3 & 4)

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
ROUNDTABLE (ROOM 2)

Strengthening Bengaluru's Blue-Collar Economy: Skills, Jobs and Pathways to Sustainable Livelihoods

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
ROUNDTABLE (ROOM 3)

Building the Missing Bridge: A National Industry–Academia Framework to Make Engineering Graduates Work-Ready by 2030

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
ROUNDTABLE (ROOM 4)

Building an AI-Ready Workforce For Karnataka

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
ROUNDTABLE (ROOM 1)

From Knowledge to Capability: Integrating Employability into Technical Education for Workforce 2030

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
ROUNDTABLE (ROOM 1)

International Skilled Mobility – Preparing Indian Talent for the Global Labour Market

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
ROUNDTABLE (ROOM 4)

Human in the Loop – Turning AI Ambition into Business & Talent Impact

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
ROUNDTABLE (ROOM 2)

Academia 2030 - The Leadership Boardroom

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
ROUNDTABLE (ROOM 3)

How can we prepare young graduates to solve real-world problems with an entrepreneurial mindset in the age of AI? CSR-HR-Education Roundtable