



GNITS Presents

# Women in Leadership Conclave

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The First Edition  
**8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
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### About Women in Leadership Conclave

'Women in Leadership Conclave' is the first of its kind in India initiated by G.Narayanamma Institute of Technology and Science for women and spear-headed by **Ms. G. Srividya Reddy**. The Executive Secretariat are **Ms. G. Srividya Reddy**, Chairperson - WILC, **Dr. P. Aparna**, Vice Chairperson - WILC, **Mr. V L Narasimham Rajana** Vice Chairperson - WILC and **Ms. Srujana Dadi**, Rapporteur – WILC. The conclave emerged with a vibrant thought to evolve a platform for women leaders from diverse backgrounds to deliberate discussions on various themes and topics in tune with International Women's Day Celebrations held every year on 8th March.

WILC aims to empower and motivate young women in diverse industries and fields as future leaders. It endeavours to bring together women leaders to network and exchange ideas while sharing their experiences and challenges.

The vision and mission of the Conclave is to create a supportive community and provide opportunities for women to develop their leadership skills. Build their confidence and advance in their careers by giving young women access to role models and resources. It helps cultivate the next generation of women leaders and encourages them to make a positive impact in their communities and industries.

**The First Edition** of the Women in Conclave is launched on **8th - 9th March, 2023** this year at GNITS with the representation of Women leaders and Gender advocates from Government bodies, NGOs, Corporates, Entrepreneurship, Academic Institutions, Politics and International Organizations. The conclave comprises Seminars, Workshops, Fireside chats, Panel Discussions, Workshops, Tech Expos, Cultural Programmes, Art Exhibitions, Book Launches, Fashion Show, Flea Market, thus making it a 'destination for all women.'

Conclave has several unique features and flagship programmes. The first edition of the Women in Leadership Conclave will deliberate on contemporary issues surrounding Women at large and pass a series of resolutions which GNITS shall work upon. The Conclave is a completely Student Led Event and provides an excellent opportunity for a large number of young women to involve themselves as volunteers and gain hands-on experience in organizing an international event of such a magnitude.

**WILC** is a celebration of Women in Leadership. Let's join our hands to come, exchange, deliberate, discuss, interact, network and innovate!



# Chairperson's Message



## G. Srividya Reddy

Chairperson, WILC

launching our First Edition of Women in Leadership Conclave '23. What better auspicious occasion can there be to place of First Edition of the Conclave than on an International Women's' Day Celebrations on 8th March coinciding this year with Holi Celebrations, a celebration of the arrival of Spring in India, the end of winter, it is a festive day to meet others, play and laugh, forget and forgive and is an invocation for a good spring harvest season. The Women in Leadership Conclave sums up the mood of Holi in meeting eminent leaders from diverse backgrounds holding key leadership roles and responsibilities, deliberate discussions on meaningfully representing and engaging women in leadership roles, Chat and interact on establishing policies and practices that encourage women's leadership and promote gender parity, exchange ideas on investing and developing public services and programs that enable women to succeed as leaders.

Speakers across US Counsel General and their members, Political Leaders, IAS, IPS Officers, Bureaucrats, Government Officials, Academicians, Actresses from Film Fraternity, NGOs working on differently abled citizens and LBGTQ Rights, Corporates, CEOs coming together to deliberate discussions on the SIX chosen THEMES – Women in Arts, Women in Business, Women in Academia, Women in Policy, Women in Tech and Women in Leadership.

I hope and wish that the Conclave '23 would be a platform for all the members and delegates to Network, Interact and Innovate for a progressive Tomorrow in changing the narrative on women in leadership, and confront socio-cultural drivers of gender inequality.

I'm sure the Conclave with 110+ Women Leaders, 1000+ Delegates, 60+ HEFORSHE Allies, 60+ Events would lay platform for sharing expertise and experience of prominent leaders during the Panel Discussions, Seminars, Fireside Chats, Workshops alongside with special attractions of Tech and Art Exhibitions, Flea Market, Holi Celebrations is going to be a holistic experience with fruitful takebacks.

This Conclave would be a beginning of a new era for a commitment to gender parity in leadership.

Distinguished Members and Dear Delegates,

First of all, let me extend to all of you a warm welcome to this First Edition of Women in Leadership Conclave hosted at GNITS. I place on record my special thanks to Ms. Jennifer Larson, U.S. Consul General, Hyderabad for graciously accepting our invitation to be the Keynote speaker for the Inaugural of Women in Leadership Conclave – 2023. We regard this as an extremely important event the first of its kind in Hyderabad where a wide range of leaders encompassing the ability to “lead”, influence or guide other individuals, teams, or entire organization have given their consent and willingness to be part of this conclave. We are extremely thankful and express our gratitude to all our distinguished members for accepting our invitation and sparing their valuable time to share their expertise and experience with our young minds.

It's time for the world to recognize the benefits of women in leadership, and commit to placing even more women in positions of power as they can be powerful agents of change, and the far-reaching benefits of diversity and gender parity in leadership and decision-making are increasingly recognized in all spheres. With this premise we are glad to note of initiating and

# Executive Secretariat



## G. Srividya Reddy

Chairperson, WILC

G. Srividya Reddy is an engineer having graduated from the prestigious JNTU and holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration in HR & Marketing from the ICFAI and holds a Leadership certification from the University of Pennsylvania.

She is currently the Vice Chairperson of G Pulla Reddy Education Society which has about 10 Educational institutions under its ambit in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. She also wears the hat of Chairperson of CII IWN Telangana (Confederation of Indian Industry – India Women Network). She is the founder chairperson of the School of Innovation and Management, an exclusive B-School for women. With her commitment to advancing Inclusivity in the Education sector and workspaces, she is also the brainchild and founder chair of the Women in Leadership Conclave which is bringing together Women leaders on one platform on the occasion of International Women's Day, and is happening at G Narayanamma Institute of Technology and Science for Women, an Engineering college known for its excellence for over 25 years.

## VL Narasimham Rajana

Lead - Policy and Strategy, GNITS, WILC Vice Chairperson.

VL Narasimham Rajana is the Policy and Strategy lead for GNITS and for the Chairperson of CII IWN Telangana. A Young India Fellow from Ashoka University, Narasimham has worked with Governments at State and Central level and led an NGO. He was formerly Chief Program Officer at Teach for Change NGO and Project Manager, WE Hub, Government of Telangana. He is the incoming MALD graduate at Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Narasimham has been navigating the field of Public Policy, by having a Bachelor Degree in Engineering from Manipal University and a Post-graduation in Liberal Arts from Ashoka University.



## Dr. P. Aparna Palle

Professor, HOD, H&M, GNITS, WILC Vice Chairperson.

Dr. Aparna Palle working as Professor of English joined GNITS in 1997 and since inception is heading the department of Humanities and Mathematics, an ancillary department that handles the admissions, academic and administrative works of First year B.Tech. Dr. Aparna did her M.A. in English Literature from Sri Satya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Ananthapur in the year 1990 and did her M. Phil. and Ph.D from S. K. University, Ananthapur in the year 2002 and 2004. She has 22 research papers and one book publication to her credit. 4 Ph.Ds have been awarded under her guidance and 5 research scholars from JNTUH have submitted their research works under her supervision. Dr. Aparna Palle has enriching experience in teaching of English for Engineering Graduates and has extensively promoted and conducted various Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Guest Lectures on English Language Teaching [ELT] in association with English Language Teachers Association of India [ELT@I], British Council, Regional English Language Office [RELO], Cambridge University Press [CUP] for Professional Development among English teachers. She is a certified trainer for Business English Certificate [BEC] Cambridge University Press and International English Language Testing System [IELTS]. As member Board of Studies JNTU-H Dr. Aparna has made significant contribution in syllabus revision and course work in English. She is a recipient of Academic Excellence Award in Teaching of English by Indus Foundation and Star Women Achiever Award by Accenture.

## Srujana Dadi

Student President, GNITS, WILC Rapporteur.

Srujana Dadi is the student president of GNITS, Hyderabad. She is currently a B.Tech 4th year Computer Science engineering student. In addition to her academic pursuits, Srujana is an avid writer who has written two books. Her first book, 'The Light Amidst the Dark', is a collection of poems that she wrote at the age of 16. Her second book, 'The World Through My Eyes', is a thought-provoking work that focuses on various issues ranging from healthcare to education worldwide, all presented through the lens of an 18-year-old.

Srujana is also a TalentSprint Google WE Scholar. Out of more than 15,000 applicants, she was one of the top 160 students selected for this highly competitive scholarship. She has also won 1st prize in the IFT Social challenge, where she has devised a low cost, easy to use thermal scanner for Covid detection. She has also authored multiple papers across the range of IoT and Economics. She was also the CBSE Grade 12 Fashion Studies Board Exam topper.





# WILC DAY -1

## ITINERARY

### MORNING SESSION

#### 9:30AM TO 11:00AM

OPENING CEREMONY AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
MS. JENNIFER LARSON  
U.S. CONSUL GENERAL, HYDERABAD

#### 11:00AM TO 12:00PM

#WOMENINBUSINESS

PANEL DISCUSSION: ENDURING THE EFFECTS OF LAYOFF & RETRENCHMENT  
VANITHA DATLA, VICE CHAIRPERSON & MANAGING DIRECTOR, ELICO LTD  
ANURADHA KANCHI - PRINCIPAL STRATEGIST, AVTAR  
THE POWER OF DIVERSITY  
PANNEERSELVAM MADANAGOPAL - CEO, TECHNOGEN INDIA

#WOMENINTECH

PANEL DISCUSSION: HEALTH TECH DISRUPTED: AI AND BEYOND

DR. ROOMA SINHA, LAPAROSCOPIC SURGEON, GYNECOLOGIST, APOLLO  
DR. RACHANA CHENNAMANENI, MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST, NIMS  
MR. DINESH KOKA, CEO ONWARD ASSIST  
DR. NEELESH KUMAR, SENIOR PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST AT CSIR  
MS. PRERANA NAYAK, PRICIPAL GROUP PROJECT MANAGER, MICROSOFT

#WOMENINLEADERSHIP

PANEL DISCUSSION: LEADING THE WAY: CONFLICT FREE ZONE

1.HARICHANDANA DASARI, I.A.S.  
2.NAMRATHA SAI GOPISETTI - JP MORGAN CHASE & CO., VICE PRESIDENT  
3.TRIVENI BONTHU - ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, LTI MINDTREE

#WOMENINLEADERSHIP

MASTERING WORK- LIFE BALANCE WITH EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND SELF-AWARENESS - A SEMINAR  
DIVYA REDDY SALLA, SOCIAL ACTIVIST,CO- OWNER AT DARZAN

#WOMENINACADEMIA

FIRESIDE CHAT: FROM LECTURE HALL TO ECO-DRILL  
MRS. MADHULIKA CHOUDHARY, ENVIRONMENTALST, DHRUVANSH, NGO

#### 11:00AM TO 12:30PM

#WOMENINARTS

PANEL DISCUSSION:NAVIGATING AN UNCONVENTIONAL DREAM

1.GAYATHRI REDDY - PHOTOGRAPHER  
2. MAHESHWARI-ACTOR  
3. SANDEEP MOLUGU- MAKEUP ARTIST  
4.KONDAPARTHI PRADEEP -ACTOR

#### 11:00AM TO 3:00PM

#WOMENINTECH

AR-VR STALL BY DEEPLoop  
INSTRUCTORS:

MR. SURYA PRAKASH KUCHIMANCHI  
MS. ARPITA SAHA

TECHTOPIA: THE DIGITAL DREAMLAND

PRAHETI RACING - SAE CLUB OF CBIT  
RACE CAR STALL BY RACING CLUB CBIT

#### 11:00AM TO 5:00PM

#WOMENINARTS

ARTS EXPO BY WOMEN IN ARTS

#### 11:30AM TO 12:30PM

#WOMENINBUSINESS

FIRESIDE CHAT: DREAM.DARE.DELIVER - WOMEN AS INNOVATORS AND ENTREPRENEURS

ARUNA DARA, MANAGING DIRECTOR, APNA GREEN PRODUCTS  
MALLIKA VALLURU - CO-FOUNDER & MD, RADIUS EDUTECH

#WOMENINTECH

ROBOT RHAPSODY: A ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

INSTRUCTOR: VIKRANT DEWANGAN, RESEARCHER AT ROBOTICS RESEARCH CENTER, IIIT HYDERABAD

#WOMENINACADEMIA

GEO-FUN WITH GIS, A WORKSHOP

DR. JAYACHANDRA KANNEMADUGU, VICE PRESIDENT - PURE EARTH FOUNDATION

#WOMENINPOLICY

FIRESIDE CHAT: LEADING AND NAVIGATING THE PUBLIC POLICY ARENA FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

MS. SAKSHI HALLAN, CONSULTANT, THE WORLD BANK

MS.KSHITI GALA, LEADS GLOBAL RESEARCH AND CONSULTING PRACTICE AT SEAMLESS, PART OF SANNAM, S4 GROUP

# WILC DAY -1

## ITINERARY

### AFTERNOON SESSION

#### 1:30PM TO 2:00PM

#WOMENINACADEMIA

**FIRESIDE CHAT: HEALING WITH HELP**

DR. MEENA HARIHARAN, PROFESSOR, CENTRE FOR HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD

#### 1:30PM TO 2:30PM

#WOMENINPOLICY

**INTERNET GOVERNANCE AND TECH POLICY-WORKSHOP**

MS. IHITHA, RESEARCHER, IIIT HYDERABAD

#WOMENINTECH

**FIRESIDE CHAT: INCLUSIVE INNOVATION**

RAMESH LOGANATHAN, PROFESSOR CO-INNOVATION/OUTREACH AT IIIT HYDERABAD.

#### 1:30PM TO 3:00PM

#WOMENINTECH

**COMPETITION: PROGRAMMING PALOOZA**

#WOMENINARTS

**ON THE SAME PAGE, A BOOK LAUNCH**

D SUIAM, AUTHOR, POET, LGBT+ ACTIVIST, AND CONTENT CREATOR IN THE FIELDS OF LITERATURE, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND SOCIAL WELFARE.

#WOMENINARTS

**PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**

INSTRUCTOR : MS. MYTHILI BADAM, PHOTOGRAPHER

#### 1:30PM TO 3:30PM

#WOMENINBUSINESS

**DRAGON'S DEN**

INVESTORS :

KASHYAP KOMPELLA - HEAD, STARTUP INCUBATION & STRATEGIC INNOVATION, WOXXEN UNIVERSITY

AJAY JAIN - CO-FOUNDER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, SILVERNEEDLE VENTURES

DR. SURESH VS ATTILI - MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST, RESEARCHER, ACADAMECIAN, ANGEL INVESTOR

SIRISH PUPPALA - INVESTOR, PRODUCT LEADER, PERX TECHNOLOGIES, X- POLYCOM, MOTOROLA, SSNC

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#### 2:00PM TO 3:00PM

#WOMENINLEADERSHIP

**BEYOND THE BOX: WOMEN IN UNCOMMON CAREER PATHS - A SEMINAR**

1.MANASA VARANASI - MISS INDIA WORLD 2021

2.SAHITHI SNIGDHA KOSURI - COO & DIRECTOR OF WASTE VENTURES

3.PUJITHA KRISHNA - INDIAN CLASSIC DANCER

#WOMENINPOLICY

**PANEL DISCUSSION: SHATTERING THE GLASS CEILING: WOMEN LEADING THE WAY IN TECH POLICY**

DR. SRIRAM BIRUDAVOLU, CEO - CYBER SECURITY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, DATA SECURITY COUNCIL OF INDIA

MS. RAMA DEVI LANKA, DIRECTOR - EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

MR. JAYESH RANJAN IAS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY- INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE AND IT, GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

#### 2:00PM TO 3:00PM

#WOMENINACADEMIA

**PANEL DISCUSSION: CAREER CHATS WITH CHATGPT**

MR. BALA PRASAD PEDDIGARI, CHIEF INNOVATION OFFICER AND GLOBAL HEAD- TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY SERVICES-

CMT, TCS

MR. HASIL GORA, STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND PEOPLE PARTNERSHIPS, GRADRIGHT

MS. SAI USHA, MS BY RESEARCH STUDENT AT IIIT HYDERABAD

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#### 5:00PM ONWARDS

**HOLI CELEBRATIONS, DJ, LANTERN LIGHTING AND BONFIRE**

# WILC DAY -2

## ITINERARY

### MORNING SESSION

#### 9:30AM TO 11:00AM

#WOMENINBUSINESS

"B.E EXTRAORDINARY" - FOLLOW YOUR PASSION

NANDITA SETHI - FOUNDER & MD- THE ENTREPRENEUR ZONE, STARTUP MENTOR, TEDX SPEAKER

#### 9:30AM TO 4:00PM

#WOMENINARTS

ARTS EXPO WOMEN IN ARTS

#### 10:00AM TO 10:30AM

#WOMENINLEADERSHIP

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AND TECH - A SEMINAR

MADHURI CHINTAMANENI - SENIOR MANAGER , MICRON

#WOMENINACADEMIA

CAREERCOASTER : SEMINARS

PART 1: CAREERS IN MEDIA & JOURNALISM

DEEPTHI VAJPAYEE, SENIOR NEWSPRESENTER AND ANCHOR, TV9

#### 10:00AM TO 10:45AM

#WOMENINACADEMIA

IERP INTERACTIVE SESSION

DR. SHILPA MANOGNA

#### 10:00AM TO 11:00AM

#WOMENINPOLICY

PANEL DISCUSSION: FROM ADVOCACY TO ACTION: WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE

MR. M V KRISHNA RAO, RETIRED POLICE COMMISSIONER, VISITING FACULTY LAW, NALSAR,  
MS. REBEKAH DRAME, CONSULAR CHIEF AT US CONSULATE GENERAL HYDERABAD

#WOMENINACADEMIA

PANEL DISCUSSION: LET'S TALK ABOUT HEALTH

1. DR.N.V.GOWTHAMI DGO & DNB, J.J.HOSPITAL, HYDERABAD
2. DR. UDAYA RENUGUNTA, INTERNATIONAL CERTIFIED KARLAKATTAI COACH, PHYSIOTHERAPIST
3. YOGA INSTRUCTOR BRIJ BHUSHAN, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT: NAMASTE INDIA FOUNDATION, YOGACHARYA

#### 10:30AM TO 11:30AM

#WOMENINLEADERSHIP

INSIDE THE BOX THINKING - A SEMINAR

PRADEEP CHANKARACHAN - IT DIRECTOR, MICRON

#WOMENINPOLICY

PANEL DISCUSSION: A CALL TO ACTION: ADVOCATING FOR INCLUSIVITY IN POLICY SPACES

MR. SAI PRASAD VISWANATHAN, FOUNDER & CEO, EDOT ACADEMY

MRS. MUKUNDA MALA, SOCIAL ACTIVIST

MS. SHRUTHI NIVEDITHA, LEAD, STRATEGY, WE HUB

MR. VAMSHI KRISHNA REDDY, INNOVATION CONSULTANT AT UNICEF

#WOMENINACADEMIA

CAREERCOASTER : SEMINARS

PART 2: NAVIGATING THE CAREERS IN THE GLOBALIZED WORLD - PURSUING MASTERS & THE WAY FORWARD

VL NARASIMHAM RAJANA, DEVELOPMENT SECTOR AND PUBLIC POLICY PROFESSIONAL

SHIVANI SODAGAM, IKEA - INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

### SESSION

#WOMENINARTS

BEYOND THE BOUNDARY: WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A WOMAN HEALTH

1. SHREYA CHILAK-MUSICIAN
2. HUMA R. KIDWAI-WRITER
3. SHREEMAYI REDDY -INFLUENCER
4. SUVARNA BHARGAVI-CARTOONIST

#### 11:00AM TO 12:00PM

#WOMENINLEADERSHIP

PANEL DISCUSSION: DIGITAL ALL

- 1.NIKHILA, CO-FOUNDER OF MONEY PLANNED
- 2.SHRUTHI AHUJA,BUSINESS HEAD & DIRECTOR,AHUJA ENGINEERING SERVICES PVT. LTD
- 3.NAGENDRA KUKKADAPU - FOUNDER & CEO ,STEE CONSULTING & SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LTD.
4. NIKHIL GUNDA- FOUNDER, GEAR HEAD MOTORS

#### 11:00AM TO 12:30PM

#WOMENINARTS

CHERIYAL WORKSHOP

INSTRUCTOR: PASULA MANGA, CHERIYAL ARTIST

#WOMENINACADEMIA

WORKSHOP IN COLLABORATION WITH IERP

#### 11:30AM TO 12:30PM

#WOMENINBUSINESS

PANEL DISCUSSION: GAME ON: TECHNOLOGY TRANSFORMING BUSINESSES

- ANUSHA VUTHALURU - FOUNDER, AMPLIFYING VOICES (BRANDING & DIGITAL MARKETING)  
RAMYA MADHAVARAM - FOUNDER AND CEO, R WORKS  
PRIYANKA KAMATH - CEO, WORKBUCKS.IO  
ANAND KAMAT - BUSINESS LEADER, CHIEF EVANGELIST FOR NSL, BUSINESS MENTOR  
COMMUNITY BUILDING TODAY FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW  
SAHITHI DIVI - CEO - SOUL OF SWADESH  
PRAVEEN DORNA - CO FOUNDER - SOCIOHUB

#WOMENINACADEMIA

CAREERCOASTER : SEMINARS

PART 3: ROAD TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES: ASPIRATIONS AND REALITY

PAMELA SATPATHY, IAS, COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE-YADADRI BHUVANAGIRI DISTRICT  
DEEPAK TIWARI, IAS, ADDITIONAL COLLECTOR -YADADRI BHUVANAGIRI DISTRICT

#WOMENINLEADERSHIP

PANEL DISCUSSION : WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP, WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY,IT INDUSTRY

- 1.PRADEEP CHANKARACHAN- IT DIRECTOR, MICRON
- 2.MADHURI CHINTAMANENI - SENIOR MANAGER IT PROCUREMENT, LEGAL & HR , MICRON
- 3.SUHASINI NADAVALA - SENIOR MANAGER , MICRON
- 4.AJEMUNNISA SHAIK - MANAGER , MICRON
- 5.ABHISHEK KOTHA - MANAGER , MICRON

#WOMENINTECH

DEMISTIFYING QUANTUM MAGIC, A SEMINAR

DR. KRISHNA V. PALEM, THE KEN AND AUDREY KENNEDY PROFESSOR AT RICE UNIVERSITY, CO-FOUNDER, CEO AND CTO ACCELEQUANT INC,



# WILC DAY -2

## ITINERARY

### AFTERNOON SESSION

#### 1:30PM TO 2:30PM

#WOMENINACADEMIA

INCLUSIVENESS IN ACADEMIA - A TELE CONFERENCE

DR. ANYAH PRASAD, PH.D. IN GERONTOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON, USA

#WOMENINTECH

THE CRYPTO CRAZE: A BLOCKCHAIN WORKSHOP SHAREDUM

INSTRUCTOR: SUSHMITHA REDDY, TEAM LEAD SHAREDUM

#WOMENINPOLICY

EMPOWERING WOMEN, EMBRACING ALLIANCES: WOMEN IN POLICY AND DECISION-MAKING-PANEL DISCUSSION

DR. AMIRULLAH KHAN, PROFESSOR AT MCRHRDI, VISITING PROFESSOR AT ISB, NALSAR, TISS, ISPP AND KSPP

DR. RAJASEKHAR, PROFESSOR, DEPT. OF MBA, HCU

MS. SHIVANGI SHARMA, PROGRAM MANAGER AT KAUTILYA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

DR. GYANMUDRA, CHAIRPERSON-SCHOOL OF GENDER STUDIES(HYDERABAD),TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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DATA AND GENDER IN POLITICS-ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE - CGAP

MANJULA GAJANAYAKE, NATIONAL COORDINATOR-CENTRE FOR MONITORING ELECTION VIOLENCE (CMEV), SRI LANKA

RAHUL VERMA, FELLOW, CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH

#WOMENINACADEMIA

SESSION FOR IERP BY VISHNU GADE

DR. VISHNU GADE

#### 1:30PM TO 3:30PM

#WOMENINARTS

FLOWER DECORATION WORKSHOP BY

MS. JYOTHI SARAF, EMPLOYEE -LIC INDIA

#WOMENINBUSINESS

WEB (WOMEN IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BUSINESS)

TALKS: REINVENTING YOURSELF

ANINDITA SINHA - HEAD OF CORPORATE

COMMUNICATIONS AT L&T METRO RAIL HYD

ON "WOMEN PRIVILIGES IN THE CORPORATE WORLD"

SHIREEN SULTANA - CO- FOUNDER, KINDERPASS

GEETHIKA KANUMILLI - FASHION DESIGNER, FOUNDER

AND CREATIVE HEAD OF GEETHIKA KANUMILLI STORE

LIZ GEBHARD - HEAD OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND

INCLUSION AMAZON INTERNATIONAL STORES

#### 1:30PM TO 4:00PM

#WOMENINLEADERSHIP

FIRESIDE CHAT: HER RIGHTS, HER VOICE

PURNIMA KAMBLE, PARTNER FOX MANDAL & ASSOCIATES L.L.P

#WOMENINTECH

AR-VR STALL BY DEEPLoop

INSTRUCTORS:

MR. SURYA PRAKASH KUCHIMANCHI

MS. ARPITA SAHA

TECHTOPIA: THE DIGITAL DREAMLAND

#### 2:00PM TO 3:00PM

#WOMENINTECH

PANEL DISCUSSION: HARDWARE'S HIDDEN HER-OES: STORIES OF WOMEN IN HARDWARE

MS. ANURADHA V, LEAD ARCHITECT IIITH

MS. GOWTHAMI PRASANNA, OPC PRODUCTION ENGINEER, MICRON

MS. MALATHI KAR, SENIOR MANAGER, MASKTECH, MICRON

MS. RENUKA, PROFESSOR ECE, GNITS

#WOMENINLEADERSHIP

PRAHETI RACING - SAE CLUB OF CBIT

RACE CAR STALL BY RACING CLUB CBIT

#WOMENINLEADERSHIP

A PARAPHERNALIA OF SELF-DEFENSE

DEVENDER. B, 3RD DAN BLACK BELT, NATIONAL PLAYER, NATIONAL REFEREE, SHE TEAM COORDINATOR,

TELANGANA STATE OFFICIAL COACH OF TAEKWONDO

AND FITNESS.

#### 2:30PM TO 3:30PM

#WOMENINTECH

BIASED PERCEPTIONS: FROM BARRIERS TO BREAKTHROUGHS

MS. TANUJA ABBURI, DEI LEAD - AMAZON - APJCME

MS. AMITA KASBEKAR, PRINCIPAL STRATEGIST, LGBTQ+ PRACTICE AVATAR

MS. MANJARI BONAM, PRINCIPAL SOFTWARE ENGINEERING MANAGER AT MICROSOFT

MS. SUBHASHINI MEESALA, PRINCIPAL GROUP ENGINEERING MANAGER AT MICROSOFT

#WOMENINBUSINESS

UNLOCKING POTENTIAL: HOW ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS ENABLING WOMEN'S CAREER GROWTH

V KAVITHA NATARAJAN - SENIOR CSR PROFESSIONAL, CGI

VYSHALI SAGAR - STARTUP RAMP INDIA LEAD, AMAZON WEB SERVICES

SAHITYA ANUMOLU - CO-FOUNDER, INQUI-LAB FOUNDATION

#### 2:30PM TO 4:00PM

#WOMENINPOLICY

UNFOLDING POLITICS AS A CAREER FOR WOMEN-ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE(CGAP)

MS. ANITHA VANGALAPUDI, HEAD OF TELUGU MAHILA, TDP

#WOMENINARTS

CHERIYAL WORKSHOP

INSTRUCTOR: PASULA MANGA, CHERIYAL ARTIST

# WILC DAY -2

## ITINERARY

### AFTERNOON SESSION

#### 3:00PM TO 4:00PM

#WOMENINLEADERSHIP

PANEL DISCUSSION: FINDING THE BRIGHT  
SIDE

- 1.VAKITI SUNITHA LAXMA REDDY - CHAIRPERSON OF THE TELANGANA STATE WOMEN'S COMMISSION
- 2.DR.ANITHA KODARU - PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST,CENTRAL HEAD AT ICAR-NBPGR
- 3.REKHA SRINIVASAN - CEO,UNITED WAY OF HYDERABAD
- 4.SUMATHI BADUGULA - DIG , WOMEN SAFETY WING

#WOMENINLEADERSHIP

SAFETY CLUB ORIENTATION & SHESAFE TECH  
CHALLENGE  
SHE TEAM HYDERABAD

#WOMENINPOLICY

MOTHERING LGBTQIA+ CHILD - A TALK SHOW  
MRS. MUKUNDA MALA, SOCIAL ACTIVIST

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE ON INCLUSIVE  
EDUCATION

PAMELA SATHPATHY (IAS), COLLECTOR & DISTRICT  
MAGISTRATE, YADADRI BHUVANAGIRI.  
DEEPAK TEWARI (IAS), ADDITIONAL COLLECTOR,  
YADADRI BHUVANAGIRI..  
ASHRAY - AKRUTI, SRINAGAR COLONY, HYDERABAD.  
PAUSE FOR PERSPECTIVE, BEGUMPET, HYDERABAD.  
IERPS, BHAVITHA CENTERS, YADADRI BHUVANAGIRI

#### 4:00PM TO 4:30PM

#WOMENINARTS

A SHORT TALK

VARUN CHAKKILAM, FASHION DESIGNER

#WOMENINARTS

FASHION SHOW BY WOMEN IN ARTS

#### 4:30PM TO 5:00PM

#WOMENINARTS

A SHORT TALK

SANDHYA RAJU, ACTRESS

#### 5:00PM ONWARDS

CLOSING CEREMONY

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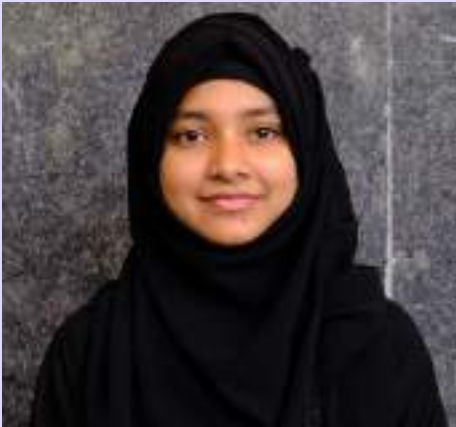
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# Speakers

Mythili Badam just finished her degree in Photography and Digital Imaging from the Annapurna College of Film and Media. She has been passionate about wildlife photography since she was a teenager. She started photography, wanting to be a wildlife photographer. Once she joined college, she learned a lot more and got to try different genres of photography. Now she is really into food and products. She occasionally does fashion photography as well!



**Mythili Badam**

Photographer

D Suiam was born on 1999 and raised in Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya, until he completed his junior high school. As a boy in his early childhood, the poet finds it difficult to figure out why he is so-called different from other boys when all he was doing was being himself. He spent most of his time in the school library, reading and writing since the 9th grade. The author also loves travelling and coffee hopping. Suiam is featured in "Top 25 Indian Young Writers" by Notion Press. He is a twice-published poet, LGBTQ+ activist, and content creator on social welfare, human rights, the LGBTQ+ community, and literature.



**D Suiam**

Author

Maheshwari is an Indian former actress who appeared predominantly in Telugu and Tamil language films. She was one of the leading actresses in Telugu and Tamil films from 1994 to 2000. She is currently pursuing an alternate career as a fashion designer and recently opened a store and launched her new label, 'Mahe Ayyapan,' in Hyderabad.



**Maheshwari**

Actor





## K V Pradeep

Actor, Philanthropist

He is the first actor, producer, and director in the Telugu television industry. Active till date. Produced and directed hundreds of serials, corporate films, and advertisement films. Worked as the general manager of HR with Satyam Computers and Tech Mahindra. Awards include 14 Nandi awards, the All India Best Child Actor Award, the Nataratna Award, and the Gemini TV lifetime achievement award. Motivated over 15 lakh students. Piloted many workshops in performing arts and creative skill sets. Conceptualized 300 plus training modules.



## Sandeep Molugu

Makeup Artist

Top makeup artist in Hyderabad with more than ten years of industry expertise is Sandy of SSandy's Artistry. The talented and well-liked makeup artist Sandy, who was born and raised in Hyderabad, has travelled through the makeup industry with passion and a desire to become better. Sandy's journey into makeup artistry involved several different disciplines, which lends his work a very mystical quality. He spent many years as a student at the Shiamak Davar Institute of Performing Arts, working as a voice and dialect coach, choreographer, and performing artist before focusing his skills on the makeup and fashion industries.



## Gayathri Reddy

Photographer

She is one of the top photographers in Hyderabad. After photographing hundreds of weddings over 7 years and experiencing the overwhelming emotions of people in love, she finally launched her own wedding photography company "Forever By Gayathri".

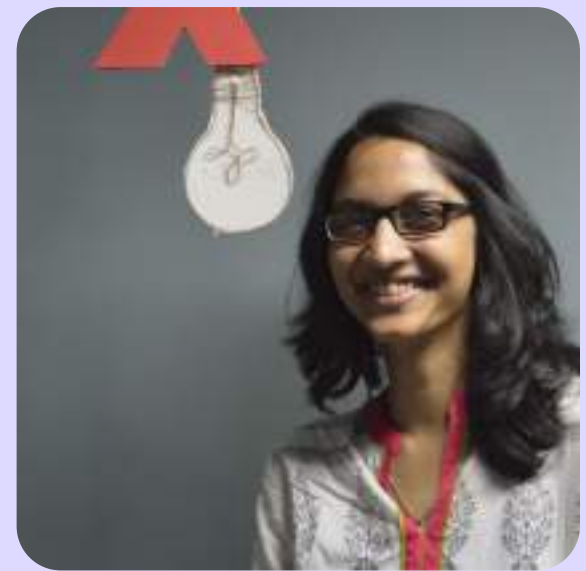


## Shreemayi Reddy

Influencer

Shreemayi Reddy is one of the digital content creators based out of Hyderabad, and she is mainly recognised as a beauty influencer on Instagram. She has been a fashion and beauty enthusiast since her teens. Academically, she is a civil engineer, and during her internship days, she realised how important it is to do what you love and not what you're told to. It pushed her to take a U-turn and follow her passion. That led to her creating content around fashion and beauty in 2019, and that was the best decision that she ever made in her life.

She is a passionate problem solver, an idea generator, and a musician. With two years of corporate experience and three years as an entrepreneur and founder, and has a knack for a 360-degree growth strategy and execution experience. Attention to detail, well-balanced solutions, a scalable strategy, and client feedback are what keep her going. She always believed that you had to be the change you wanted to see in the world. Every problem has a solution, but if that solution is packaged right, it becomes an opportunity!



## Shreya Chilak

Musician

Suvarna Bhargavi is a skilled artist with more than 45 years of industry experience. Suvarna has a bachelor's and a master's degree in fine arts. She has won a number of honours, including the Ragati Pandari Award for cartooning and the Best Artwork Award from the Hon.CM of A.P. in 1989–1990. Other awards Suvarna has won include the Best Jewelry Design Finalist Award, given by a panel of London and Bombay designers. She is one of the few female cartoonists in India, and her work has appeared in numerous foreign publications, including Japanese magazines. She considers her revolutionary and distinctive painting technique, "Folding Art," which gives the appearance of folded paper in a folded state, a Wonderful World Record. Suvarna established an art gallery in 2002, which later changed.



## Suvarna Bhargavi

Cartoonist

Author of "The Hussaini Alam House," a book that New Delhi's Zubaan published in 2012. Her additional writings, including book reviews for the aforementioned book, poetry, articles (on political and social concerns), travelogues. The aforementioned book served as the curriculum for the Hyderabad Central University's Study in India Program for international students as well as the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' MA-level women's studies course. A fifteen-year industry veteran who is an electrical engineer by training, gave it up in 1997 to pursue a career as an independent sociological researcher.



## Huma R Kidwai

Writer

Vakiti Sunitha Lakshmi Reddy, a former minister of women's development and child welfare in Andhra Pradesh, was appointed chairperson of the women's commission by the Telangana government. She was elected as a Congress Party MLA from the Narsapur Assembly Seat in Telangana's Medak District and also served in the cabinets of Dr. Y.S. Raja Sekhar Reddy and K. Rosaiah as Minister for Minor Irrigation. Sunitha Laxma Reddy was assigned the responsibility of Indira Kranthi Yojana and Pensions during N. Kiran Kumar Reddy's cabinet reshuffle and reformation.



## V Sunitha Laxma Reddy

Women Commission Chairperson





## Divya Reddy Salla

Social Activist

Divya Reddy is a name to reckon with as a social activist, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and proud single mother. Divya Reddy, a name synonymous with handlooms in the Indian fashion fraternity for the past decade, is known to have revolutionized fashion by making couture affordable. An ethical brand that constantly strived to put the dying art of weaving Madhepur Tussar, a Telangana native fabric, on the global fashion map helped reverse the migration of weavers from Madhepura, a remote hamlet in Telangana. Established in 2013, designer Divya Reddy continues to be the only tanzanite to have showcased consecutively at India's most prestigious platforms, Lakmé Fashion Week and FDCI India Fashion Week. From the humble beginnings of three employees in a shack to a company that has sheltered 150 employees today, the brand is known for its quality and customer satisfaction. The Divya Reddy Foundation is committed to advancing women's rights and ending discrimination and violence against women and girls. On the one hand, they empower women survivors of violence and enable them to become self-confident, self-sufficient, and self-reliant. On the other hand, they also generate discussion, debate, and action in society to challenge social norms, values, and systems that deem discrimination and violence against women and girls acceptable.



## Manasa Varanasi

Indian model, Engineer

Manasa Varanasi was born in Hyderabad and educated at the Global Indian International School. She studied computer science at the Vasavi College of Engineering in Hyderabad. After completing her education and graduating with a computer science degree, she started working as a Financial Information eXchange (FIX) analyst at Factset, Hyderabad. In 2020, she entered Femina Miss India 2020 and eventually won. She represented the state of Telangana at the Femina Miss India 2020 pageant. On February 10, 2021, she was crowned Femina Miss India World 2020 by the outgoing titleholder, Miss World 2019, 2nd Runner-Up, and Miss World Asia Suman Rao at the Hyatt Regency, Mumbai. Varanasi advocates strengthening child protection laws in India for her Beauty with a



## Akshita Reddy Madireddy

ISB Alumni, Managing Partner Ranga 70 MM & Aradhya Ventures, Co-Founder Insync

Akshita Reddy Madireddy is a young and ambitious female entrepreneur who is on a mission to make her mark in the business world. She is the managing partner of Aradhya Ventures and Ranga 70MM, as well as the co-founder of Insync. She graduated with a business degree from the Indian School of Business (ISB) and a business law degree from Symbiosis. Outside of business, Akshita is passionate about personal and professional development.



Purnima Kamble is the partner of Fox Mandal & Associates. She is heading the firm's Hyderabad practice. She has more than two decades of experience in the areas of corporate and commercial law, including legal consultancy in foreign investment, infrastructure projects, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, capital structuring, land acquisitions, property-related issues, and civil and commercial litigation. She also has extensive experience in matters relating to the structuring of foreign investors' and ventures in India, including investment in JVs, restructuring of capital, amalgamations, mergers, acquisition of existing companies, and other investment-related aspects, including funding options, regulatory compliances required for such investments, compliance with taxation laws, as well as drafting legal documentation for establishing business relationships in India. She is also an internationally accredited civil and commercial mediator. As someone with a particular interest in women's issues, Purnima works actively in respect of matters related to sexual harassment at the workplace, for which she conducts various training sessions.

Anuradha Vatter has over 25 years of rich industrial experience in the design, development, implementation, analysis, and support of embedded systems and their applications in various domains like defense, space, industrial automation, and atomic energy. She is currently the lead architect at the IIT Hyderabad Smart City Research Centre. She also worked closely with Silicon Labs to establish India's first WI-SUN (RF-Mesh) deployment. She has worked as an engineer at a couple of US companies, Vice President, R&D, at Vrinda Technologies, and AGM, Embedded Systems, at Astra Microwave Products Limited. During her career, she has worked on various EW/ESM systems, telemetry, communication modems (QPSK/OFDM), satellite payloads, hardware in loop simulators, borehole deviation measurement systems, radiation monitoring nodes.

Dr. Anitha Kondaru rendered quarantine service to more than 50 organizations in South India and examined over 11,00,000 samples of germplasm meant for export and import to give quarantine clearance which includes the material meant for International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), CIMMYT (ICRISAT campus), AVRDC (ICRISAT campus), Universities, other Research Institutes and Private sectors. She also developed a suitable detection methodology against *Ralstonia solanacearum*, a bacterial wilt pathogen of groundnut, using semi-specific Tetrazolium chloride agar (TZCA) medium. She has over 115 publications consisting of Journal articles & Book Chapters, books, professional abstracts, popular articles, flyers and brochures to her credit. She has received several awards and recognitions including the 'Distinguished Scientist Award' by the Venus International Foundation, Chennai, India for the year 2015 and NFP Fellowship by NUFFIC, Wageningen UR, Netherlands.



**Purnima Kamble**

Partner, Fox Mandal & Associates



**Anuradha V**

Lead Architect at Smart City Living Lab@IIITH



**Dr. Kodaru Anitha**

Principal Scientist, Central Head at ICAR, NBPGR, Hyderabad



## Sumathi Badugula IPS

IPS, DIG Women Safety Wing

"We have to evolve and work harder," says Sumathi Badugula, IPS, DIG, Women Safety Wing of telangana police, whose passion and dedication to her dream job will inspire women and youth. Towards her relentless pursuit of women's safety, Sumathi Badugula, IPS, DIG, has been honoured with the 'Woman Achiever Award-2022' by the Government of Telangana on the occasion of International Women's Day. She received the 'best COVID woman police warrior award' from Prakash Javadekar, the Union Minister of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, on the eve of the 29th anniversary celebrations of the National Commission for Women, held in New Delhi.



## Rekha Srinivasan

CEO at United Way of Hyderabad

Rekha Srinivasan is a seasoned leader with over twenty four years of experience in the social sector. She is competent in project management, fundraising, and charity management. She is passionate about impoverished people's livelihoods and their right to protection from harm. She has worked on several forward-looking documents for donors and academic institutions and has experience in large-scale project evaluations, programme planning, and other related tasks. Professional in social development with a Master of Arts (M.A.) in mass communication/media studies and a special interest in development communication from Bangalore University and certification in reporting mechanisms to UN treaty bodies, legal rights of women, and advocacy skills.



## Pujitha Krishna

Indian Classical Dancer, Writer, & Social Activist

Pujitha Krishna is an artist and the daughter of an Indian air force officer. Her academic and professional background has varied. Her career history covers many fields, including media, cinema, journalism, community work, teaching, and training. She is principally a dancer and writer. Her artistic attitude and viewpoint have been shaped by this diverse combination of experiences. Pujitha Krishna has an MFA in dance from the University of California, Irvine. She is a practitioner of Vilasini Natyam and Kuchipudi and also innovates the movement while creating independent, original works. Pujitha has sporadically engaged with the world of media and films. She has done work for television as an anchor and presenter. Some of her writings include 'The Revival of Vilasini Natyam at the Ranganathaswamy Temple, Hyderabad', which was her thesis for the MFA and has been published by Proquest, a well-known academic publisher. Pujitha has worked for several NGOs and not-for-profit organizations in different capacities. She has a PG Diploma in Environmental Education and Management.



Sahithi Kosuri is an impact-driven professional with experience in waste management, renewable energy outreach, plastic credits, climate change resilience programs, green building certifications, etc. in organizations of various sizes in three countries: India, the United States, and Africa. She completed her schooling at Vikas' Concept School and studied electronics and communication engineering at BVRIT College, Hyderabad. She also published a paper titled "Prevention of Self-Mortality using NI LabView" and won 1st prize for the paper presentation at VIT, Bhimavaram. She has done various projects that positively impact the environment, such as Solar Panels on Olin Hall, USC; Optimizing Waste Management in Los Angeles City; the EIA for Hearst Castle off-shore wind farm project; and so on. She has extensive experience leading and working with cross-cultural teams, driving new initiatives to success, and is passionate about continuous learning and growth.

Narmatha Sai Gopiseti is a self-directed and driven senior IT engineering leader with over 16 years of industry experience. She has comprehensive accomplishments in building, organizing, structuring, optimizing, and managing teams to ensure high-quality work products. She is a creative and innovative leader with strong industry acumen has demonstrated success designing software products for global organizations in the healthcare and banking domains. Currently, she is leading a home lending area product portfolio in India and is responsible for all the area product deliveries. Her expertise include Product technology strategy, design and development, agile adoption and implementation, risk management, cloud, data center migration, and modernization of legacy applications to new banking aligned technologies.

Harichandana Dasari IAS conceptualized and executed India's first pet park. She installed first-of-their-kind Loo Cafes on a self-sustaining model across the city. Partnered with Apple Home NGO and sponsored India's First Feed the need for refrigerators (no one should sleep hungry) at various junctions in the city. Extensive use of recycled plastic for paver tiles. She established exclusive women's toiletries stores run by women. She took initiative to refit and refurbish old transport buses as India's first mobile she-toilets. There were telemedicine consulting services free of cost to the citizenry during the COVID-19 period. She established the first ISO 14001:2015 green-certified public office in Telangana. As the collector and DM of Narayanpet, she worked on Tier 2 town sanitation issues with low-cost toilets and women toilets on wheels for peri-urban areas. She developed app-based monitoring of all parameters of development indices.



## Sahiti Snigdha Kosuri

COO & Director at Waste Ventures India ji



## Namratha Sai Gopiseti

JPMC Vice President,  
GNITS Alumni, ETM Branch (2001-2005)



## Hari Chandana Dasari IAS

IAS, Telangana State Govt.



## Triveni Bonthu

Associate Director

Triveni Bonthu is an associate director with LTI-Mindtree, having over 16 years of rich IT, business consulting, and marketing experience in the CRM and BPM spaces. She plays a dual role as the Head of Marketing for Enterprise Cloud Apps and the Head of Functional Consulting for MS-CRM. She has previously held various roles such as project manager, lead functional architect, lead business analyst, BPM developer, and various consulting and governance roles, and worked in multiple geographies. Triveni is also an active member of Hyderabad's Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) and is a Certified Margadarshak, an initiative that empowers women leaders to work for women's safety and act as a bridge between law enforcement and the respective organization. She spends her free time reading and traveling. She holds a degree in Bachelor of Technology from JNTU. She is currently living in Hyderabad.



## Nikhil Gunda

Founder, Gear Head Motors

Nikhil is a tech enthusiast and strategist. He is an expert in business communication, operational management, editorial management, and idea evaluation. He has a unique ability to manage projects and navigate complex challenges. He has been a guest speaker at many prestigious institutions including JNTUH, Osmania University, JNTU Anantapur and Vasavi. He gave his first innovation, a low-cost water heater, to one of the big companies in home appliances and then built the startup DigiDine, which won many awards and recognitions in the startup ecosystem. Gear Head Motors, a Hyderabad-based electric vehicle company, is a leading provider of innovative electric bicycles and tricycles. With great exposure to the EV industry, the company has reached market standards. Founded by a team of engineers, Nikhil Gunda and Meher Sai, Gear Head Motors aims to provide a sustainable and cost-effective transportation solution for consumers. Manufacturing 70% of spares in-house, the vehicles stood out among the others for their sleek and modern styles, comfortable accessibility, and convenient commute. A unique approach by the company garnered the attention of potential investors on Shark Tank India, resulting in a significant investment.



## Shruti Ahuja

Business Head and Director,  
Ahuja Engineering Services Pvt Ltd

Shruti holds a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the State University of New York at Buffalo (class of 2010) and an undergraduate degree in Electronics and Telematics from JNTU. While carrying out research and commercial scale-up activities in the field of high-rate biomethanation at AES, Shruti has co-authored several publications and articles in renowned scientific journals along with research partners CSIR-IICT. Shruti is responsible for AES's day-to-day operations in its Renewable Energy division.



Nagendra Kukkadapu is the founder and CEO of Stee Consulting & Software Technologies Private Limited, as well as the founder and CEO of Reference-Globe. He has helped both companies establish themselves as leading players in their respective markets.



## Nagendra Kukkadapu

Founder & CEO Stee Consulting & Software Technologies Private Limited.

Madhuri Chintamaneni is an accomplished professional offering over 15 years of diversified experience in driving technology planning and strategy, project and programme management, service delivery management, solution design and application management, system integrations, IT operations management, people management, change management, business analysis, application migrations, and data conversions and integrations. She is skilled in many roles in IT leadership.



## Madhuri Chintamaneni

Senior Manager, Micron

Pradeep Chankarachan is heading IT EA at Micron India. He is a seasoned technology leader as CIO/CDO across multiple industries (high tech, automotive, consumer, energy, and professional services); former global CIO at Joulon (a KKR company); regional head IT/digital (Asia) at HARMAN (a Samsung company); portfolio lead with Infosys for the high tech domain; marquee clients like Cisco, Microsoft, and Apple. He is a part of the board of directors for a not-for-profit startup accelerator; mentor or enabler for incubators delivered large customer-centric IT and digital programmes on M&A, business expansion, value engineering, digital engineering transformation, and co-creation of digital platforms, resulting in a deep and positive impact on customers. Experienced in the leading end-to-end cross-functional and technology strategy to execution (SAP, CRM, engineering ALM/PLM, MES, CI/CD, BI, cloud and infrastructure, cyber security, e-commerce, and green-field manufacturing and trading business enablement), building new customer-centric modern digital platforms leveraging IT backbone.



## Pradeep Chankarachan

Head of IT Enterprise Application  
@GDC and MWLN India Co chapter lead, Micron



## Suhasini Nadavala

Senior Manager, Micron

Suhasini was born and brought up in Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh and she completed her B.Tech. in her hometown itself. As she is passionate about IT, she found a job in Hyderabad and started her career as a developer. She played different roles like developer, module lead, technical lead, architect, and technical manager. She got the opportunity to work with some of the best banking sectors in the industry and competitive service-based organizations. And Micron is the first semiconductor manufacturing company that she stepped into. She is leading the TechDev (technology development) team, part of ETD, that comprises some critical applications like TDApps, Automaze 2.0, EDS (engineering and data science), and TPG DS applications.



## Ajemunnisa Shaik

Manager, Micron

Ajemunnisa Shaik (Ajem), manager of IT program management, has more than 18 years of IT experience across diverse technology projects. She continuously drives delivery excellence via setting up the project management process and governance in projects. She currently heads the IT enterprise application PMO in India, she leads the Micron Women leadership network's culture pillar.



## Abhishek Kotha

Manager, Micron

Abhishek Kotha has more than 16 years of experience in the gamut of ERP and cloud solutions. He has a wide range of experience implementing software solutions across the globe with multiple clients. He is leading the IT People Solutions team at Micron after leaving GDC.



## Ritika Agarwal

Founder, Yuka Champs

She has a certificate in financial analysis (CFPCM). She won gold medals in math and corporate accounting in addition to playing roller hockey at the State level. During the Hyderabad Business Awards, Ficci FLO honoured her as a female entrepreneur in the sphere of education and learning. She also has experience with Whilst pursuing an MBA, she spent a year running a game cafe. A brand-new board game company called Yuka Champions made its debut in November 2020.



An innovation expert, a three-decade veteran of Stanford LEAD, a dual-masters in management graduate, published author of four books, an expert in EdTech startups, and a former CXO of Fortune 500 companies, Prof. Rishi Kapal specializes in career management, transition, and leadership coaching for businesses. He has served in esteemed positions for 21 years in the corporate world, including Sony, Qualcomm, Castrol, Ericsson, Tata Lucent/Avaya, and HCL, to mention a few. The most recent corporate position he held was as Interim MD of Sony Mobile Communications, where he led a motivated 300+ professional team and was responsible for a business deliverable of over USD 200 million. He was a specialist in innovation and change at MiraiNxt, a strategic project of GNITS, where he played the role of a consultant by providing the plan for the creation of a top-notch innovation hub that will assist students and business owners. At present, he is the Faculty and Employability Innovation Director at Vijaya Bhoomi University and a Professor of Practice in Marketing, Entrepreneurship, and HR at MBA colleges. He is currently pursuing his PhD in organizational leadership at an organization in Pune.

Aruna Dara is a social entrepreneur and the founder and director of Apna Green Products and the Antarvedi Foundation, with over a decade of experience impacting the lives of women through sustainable projects. A social impact catalyst with futuristic talent building capability can turn around business growth. Award as an UNSUNG HERO at an international summit and entered the world book of records as a power woman with the Best Product award from SIDBI. The organization Apna Green is also entitled to the Best Social Enterprise award this year and she manufactures biodegradable sanitary napkins with natural fibers and rose petals.

Cdr Anuradha Kanchi is a pioneering woman veteran and joined the corporate sector after 14 years in the Indian Navy as an HR professional. She has led several diverse teams at several MNCs in automotive parts manufacturing companies and infrastructure companies as a centre of excellence and HR business leader. As Plant HR & IR, she also deftly handled industrial unrest and stabilised the working environment. She transformed employee life cycle management in organisations by conceptualising, pursuing, and sustaining an inclusion and diversity agenda. She also steered various organisation design and capability interventions leading to sustained long-term business results, harmonious employee relations, and change management. Presently, she is with Avtar as a Principal Strategist—Audit and Assessments.



## **Prof. Rishi Kapal**

Founder & CEO Stee Consulting & Software Technologies Private Limited.



## **Aruna Dara**

Managing director, Apna green products



## **Anuradha Kanchi**

Principal strategist, Avtar the power of diversity



## Nandita Sethi

Founder & MD-The Entrepreneur zone,  
startup mentor, TedX speaker

Dr. Nandita Sethi is the Founder & MD of The Entrepreneur Zone (TEZ), which is an Entrepreneurship Development Centre and a Startup Accelerator, providing mentorship and consultancy to startups and businesses. She has a doctorate in international economics, and in her 30 years of experience, she has trained several top and mid-level managers on global markets, business environment, corporate reforms, marketing trends, strategy and leadership, and entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship. She has authored the book *The Asia Pacific Region: Emerging Opportunities for India* and edited the books *Global Meltdown: Regional Impacts and Rethinking India's Growth Strategy: Services vs. Manufacturing*". She was the Chairperson of the CII-Indian Women Network (2019-20)Telangana, which helps women professionals and entrepreneurs. She is also a TEDx speaker. Today, her mission is to integrate entrepreneurship training deeply into the existing educational system so that we see more startup activities on campuses and create a culture and way of thinking that is highly entrepreneurial. She is also an active member of several NGOs and foundations, where she contributes her time regularly.



## Vanitha Datla

Vice chairperson & Managing director, Elico Ltd

Vanitha Datla took over as chairperson of CII-Telangana when the state was formed, and she led by example with her stellar leadership.

"Personally and professionally, She has learnt from her experiences, and they have made her emotionally mature to handle all sorts of challenges. The impact of the pandemic has shown how resilience can overcome most difficulties, but she learned to be resilient and stable from her early professional experiences because she knew the moment she complained, She would be asked to quit. Therefore, She learned to pick up the positives from every situation and build upon them—a trait that has kept her grounded and allowed her to extend a helping hand wherever possible," says Vanitha Datla. Interestingly, apart from successfully holding various positions and winning many accolades and awards, She is also an avid long-distance cyclist, with a few 100km and 150km rides under her belt, and an intermittent long-distance runner, having conquered the full marathon, many half-marathons, and a 50km ultra-walkathon distance.



## Gulnar Virk

Co-Founder and MD, Hashtag marketing Pvt Ltd

.Gulnar Virk, often known as "Marketing Brahma" by her coworkers, is the brains behind all the innovative campaigns and cutting-edge designs you see at Hashtag Marketing. After receiving her MBA in Marketing from IBS, Hyderabad, she discovered her true calling: to launch her own company and effectively execute the client's marketing goal.



Sahithi is the national brand ambassador for sustainable development goals for CISMSE, who lives in Aurville, and Thiruvannamalai is the founder of her NGO, the Soul of Swadesh Foundation, which is the continuation of her previous project, Impact scientist, featured on Forbes 30 Under 30 list with a special mention for social entrepreneurship. She has a master's degree in social entrepreneurship from Hult International Business School in San Francisco. Her internship was with UNDP, based in Sri Lanka. She worked as a director for the Mohanam Village Heritage Center for one year, based in Aurora.

As a social entrepreneur, she did more than 30 stories in rural supply chains and showcased more than 100 villages, leading to potential growth in rural tourism. Now her work is connecting women travelers with diverse aspects of rural tourism, SDG consulting, and onsite incubation for women creators at the bottom of the pyramid.

Praveen Dorna is currently handling product and growth at Verse. He previously founded Sociohub (sociohub.io), a SaaS community management platform for brands to build their private social networks. He has over 15 years of combined work experience working with Startups, Franchisees, SMB's, MNC's and Non-Profit organizations across payments, travel, fleet, education, robotics, media and ERP technologies in tech and managerial roles in US and India. He holds an MBA degree in Entrepreneurship from Babson College, USA. And was previously involved in startup wings at corporates, where he built out an innovation management programme for a \$6 Billion company in the US. He consults startups and incubators part-time and is a visiting professor on lean startups at SIBM Pune, FLAME University, and Mahindra University, in addition to serving on the boards of nonprofits.

The co-founder and chief operating officer of the pediatric behavioral health platform, KinderPass, is Shireen Sultana.

She has almost 20 years of expertise in sales and marketing strategies to create and expand brands in the higher education, FMCG, textile, and telecom industries. Shireen is enthusiastic about encouraging women to start their own businesses and making it possible for them to have a voice and a seat at the table throughout their whole career. Several honors, such as the prestigious HYSEA Awards for Product Driven by Women and Hot 10 Startups in 2021, have been bestowed upon her.



**Prof. Rishi Kapal**

CEO-Soul of swadesh



**Praveen Dorna**

Co Founder - SociaHub



**Shireen Sultana**

Co-Founder, Kinderpass



## Geethika Kanumilli

Fashion designer, Founder & Creative head of Geethika Kanumilli store

Geethika Kanumilli, a creative genius with an unerring eye for detail, understood from a young age that she wanted to run her own fashion company. She started seeking for possibilities to seize as a curious child, determined to make her goal come true. Sadly, fate knocked on her door while she was pursuing a degree in fashion design at NIFT, Hyderabad, and she was found to have a rare autoimmune illness that impaired her vision and decreased it to half. Geethika decided to defy her fate and face her worst fears despite her broken heart. She launched her namesake label in 2015 with the determination to work incredibly hard and harness the power of her misery, despite having a very small first clientele and no prior business experience. As resourceful as she is now. The designer was greatly influenced by her mother's elegance and simplicity. In an effort to carve out a space for herself in the market for opulent and adaptable bridal couture, the designer experimented with various ways to repurpose her clothing.



## Liz Gebhard

Head of diversity, Equity & Inclusion Amazon international stores

Founding member in the UK. Chief is a private network built to drive more women into positions of power and keep them there. Chief is the only organization specifically designed for the most powerful women executives to strengthen their leadership, magnify their influence, and pave the way to bring others with them. Head of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Amazon International Stores she is a Bar Raiser, a DEI Champion, and a Chief UK Founding Member.



## Priyanka Kamath

CEO, WORKBUCKS.IO

Priyanka Kamath is the CEO and Co-Founder of WorkBucks.io. She studied at Stanford Seed, Ethereum Denver. In 2021, she was an Edstart Innovator at Amazon Web Services (AWS). Her vision is to build skill equity across the nation with a decentralized educational experience for a blockchain-inspired future.



Anandita excels in integrated communication, reputation management, and strategy formulation. She has more than three decades of professional experience working for Yatri Tours, a public sector organization (the Airports Authority of India), and global conglomerates. She oversaw the Corporate Communication Department, developed and maintained a great reputation for them, and garnered numerous honours and accolades. She is a skilled storyteller and an influential writer.

She strongly supports CSR and pushes corporate excellence. She is a real-life motivator for students and young professionals and has spoken at over 160 events spanning numerous industries and educational venues. Her name was mentioned number one in Forbes India's 2021 New Year's Special. She has won 14 leadership honors. She had previously worked as a news presenter for the "In Mumbai" Channel and as a freelancer for drama and live programmes for Doordarshan and All India Radio Kolkata. She places a strong emphasis on her team's overall growth as SMART+ professionals. She believes in working as a team player first, then as a team leader. For her, success as an individual and in her career just requires having the correct mindset.

Ramya has ten years of management experience working in universities, hospitals, start-ups, and assisting female entrepreneurs to grow. She has experience working with multinational organisations and agencies and specialises in educating academic staff and digitising healthcare facilities in both the US and India. Now in charge of R Work, Ms. Ramya aims to use the best digital techniques to support businesses, organisations, and companies operating in a range of industries. She has previously engaged and collaborated with academic, governmental, and business groups to establish STEAM and entrepreneurial programmes for kids across schools and colleges. She has also worked for Swissnex, the Swiss Consulate General of India in Hyderabad, where she fostered ties between Telangana and Switzerland's education, research, and innovation industries. She has uniquely created an essay on Advancements in Telangana in the field of AI after compiling research data on AI and blockchain from all around India. She holds a pharmacy bachelor's degree, a master's degree in health informatics from George Mason University in Virginia, and is currently completing her executive education in digital marketing at IIM, Bangalore.



## Anandita Sinha

Head of corporate communications,  
L&T metro rail hyd



## Ramya Madhavaram

Founder and CEO, R Works



## Anand Kamat

Business Leader,  
Chief Evangelist for NSL, Business mentor,  
Cherie Blair foundation for women

With decades of experience in building innovative products and cloud services at leading technology companies such as Microsoft, Adobe, and Cisco, Anand is passionate about growing product leaders and transforming India into a product innovation hub. As a mentor at the Cherie Blair Foundation for Women since 2018, Anand is enabling women entrepreneurs to scale up their businesses. Anand deeply believes that most disruptive innovations come out of a vibrant and diverse work environment that nurtures multi-disciplinary perspectives.



## V Kavitha Natarajan

Senior CSR Professional, CGI

She is an SR Professional. She is a social worker, Counseling Psychologist, Speaker, Yoga Trainer & Entrepreneur, Sociopreneur, Menstrual Health Educator, and Sustainability & Environment Enthusiast She is a CGI EXPERT, Senior Executive at APAC Corporate Social Responsibility. Kavitha focuses on and manages initiatives under Diversity, inclusion, and women's empowerment She also drives several member- and team-related volunteering initiatives in Hyderabad, such as school restoration, laptop distribution, women's health (menstrual hygiene awareness), and digital literacy.



## Vyshali Sagar

Startup ramp India lead, Amazon web services

Vyshali Sagar is a Startup Ramp India Lead. She represented India as a Global Climate Change Ambassador at the International Antarctica Expedition in 2016 Global shaper at the World Economic Forum and has represented the government of Telangana at the World Economic Forum, Davos, and Global Entrepreneurship. She pursued her PG in Sociology and Intellectual Property Rights from the National Law School, Bangalore, and Technology and Policy from the Takshashila Institution. As an ambassador for GooglersGive, she has played a key role in Google's philanthropy team.



## Sahithya Anumolu

Co-Founder, INQUI-LAB Foundation

She is a co-founder of the Inqui-Lab Foundation. She studied at the Annapurna College of Film and Media and the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Hyderabad. She is an educator who believes that every child needs to be given the right opportunities to explore, learn, and excel. She is also interested in providing platforms for children to innovate, develop essential skills, and learn about early childhood and film.



Constructing Uniworks under the guidance of a tech-driven design and build firm instead of a traditional design and build firm for simple and quick scaling

Business process mapping, organisational change management, and strategic planning experience spanning 10+ years. As the head of operations and the CEO, she concentrate on finding ways to expand Uniworks' business and gathering market intelligence. She has managed tight deadlines and resolved urgent issues by carefully considering the needs of clients, team members, and the company as a whole. she then developed fresh revenue streams, quality enhancements, and sales methods that challenge conventional wisdom.

She has a degree in international business from Mumbai and an honours degree in economics from Delhi University.

With a mission to "Democratise construction" and a vision to "Change the Landscape of India," Uniworks Designs already has over 110 members.

He oversees StartupGrind Hyderabad's chapter, where they support the startup ecosystem by exchanging expertise and fostering connections and personal development.

His interests include blockchain technology, education, science and technology research, medical and healthcare technologies, and AI/ML.

He has experience working with startups from South East Asia, the United States, and Europe in a variety of capacities.

His startups are well-known. Investments, Venture funding. He discusses startup companies, venture capital, and venture investment. Additionally, he discusses hashtag fundraising, hashtag startups, hashtag venture capital, and hashtag venture funding. He co-founded Silverneedle Ventures and serves as its managing director. Also, he attended Indian School of Commerce.



## Juhi Jaiswal Chaubey

Co Founder of remole &  
CEO of Uniwork designs



## Kashyap Kompella

Head, Startup Incubation & Strategic Innovation,  
Woxsen University



## Ajay Jain

Co-founder and managing director,  
Silverneedle ventures



## Pamela Sathpathy

Collector &  
District Magistrate Yadadri Bhuvanagiri

Her qualification is IAS, Government of Telangana. She is interested in technological, managerial, multi-dimensional, and interdisciplinary assignments in an innovative, collaborative, and creatively charged atmosphere. Her areas of interest include education, especially e-learning, human resource management, social issues, public affairs, and corporate social responsibility (CSR).



## Deepak Tiwari

IAS, Additional collector,  
Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District

Deepak Tiwari was born and brought up in Haldwani, Uttarakhand. His qualifications include: BTech in Biotechnology, IIT Guwahati; MS(Research) in Biochemical Engineering, IIT Delhi; qualified the 2018 Civil Service Examination; allotted Telangana cadre in 2019; worked as an assistant collector (under training) in Siddipet, Telangana; and was posted as an additional collector (local bodies) in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district since June 2021. His focal areas include education, health, nutrition, sanitation, and rural and urban development.



## Sirish Puppala

Investor, product leader,  
perx technologies, X - Polycom, motorola, SSNC

He is a product management professional who loves building enterprise software products and solutions for customers to solve their pain points in an easy and efficient way while delivering the best-in-class experience. He has industry experience of 17+ years, out of which 12 years are in core product life cycle management, starting from the idea/inception stage to build, launch, grow, and sustain the products. He also has experience in global product teams, with international exposure across EMEA, North America, and APAC markets. Proven track record of building new innovative hardware and software products in the unified communication and mobility spaces. He handled large hardware and software beta programmes as part of the product introduction, adapting them to new markets, and facilitating sales and post-sale success with customers. In his last role, he managed Poly's flagship video conferencing product with \$350 million or more in global revenues.



He is an energetic knowledge and innovation-driven professional with over 20 years of meticulous understanding of consumers and markets, thereby providing insights for the development of marketing strategy, branding, and new product development for corporates and startups in a wide range of categories. He also has a comprehensive understanding of B2C and B2B markets, including an appreciation of business challenges and rich, diversified, and ground-level exposure to evolving consumer behavior and the dynamic face of consumerism in India. He has also worked with clients like Axis Bank, Titan, HP, Tata Steel, Tata Global Beverages, Unilever, and many more. He has the ability to connect with the customers through qualitative, quantitative, and observational techniques. He is a Passionate traveler, having logged in to more than 60 cities, towns, and villages in the country and abroad. He is a speaker and panelist at various industry and academic summits.



## Panneerselvam M

CEO - Technogen India,  
Ex VP & Chief Innovation Officer @ T Hub,  
CEO - SHMC, MentorWe-Hub, Board Member

He is a compassionate doctor (hemato-oncologist) with more than 480 transplants under his belt and two decades of experience managing hematological illnesses, pediatric solid tumors, and adult solid tumors (6,000+ patients annually). He is an enthusiastic researcher who focuses on the confluence of biology and technology. With his instruction, he fosters this passion in his pupils (generated & applied for 12 new IPs so far in this process). He served on the DSMB boards of nine international health care firms (Pharma,+ Hospital Labs) and participated in more than 100 clinical trials. He is also a social entrepreneur, having started, grown, and transformed 14 of them into businesses that operate on autopilot and employ thousands of people (directly & indirectly). With 268 articles under his belt and 6 text book chapters, he is a prolific academic. Professor with honors in 8 universities. He serves on the editorial boards of nine publications and belongs to a number of professional associations, such as ASCO, ESMO, ISO, etc. He was recognised as one of the "Top 100 Oncologists of the World" in 2018, a four-time holder of the Guinness World Records for mega events (2010, 2016, 2018, and 2020), a scholar in training by the American Academy of Cancer Research, the MT Foundation's Best Oncologist, the Indus Foundation's Best Entrepreneur, the Rotary Club of Hyderabad's Best Social Service and Distinguished Work, and the EET 2020's Best Scientist.



## Dr. Suresh VS Attili

Medical & Hemato Oncologist-Researcher,  
Academician - Angel Investor-Mentor-KOL



## Vamsi Krishna Reddy

Innovation Consultant at UNICEF

Mr. Vamsi is building products for youth and adolescents in the states of Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh with UNICEF. He is also the senior facilitator at the Art of Living and led the faculty development programme for academicians at OU-Hyd, JNTU-Hyd, Anantapur, NITK, NIFT-Hyd, SVU-Tirupati, and RIMS-Adilabad. He has expertise in conflict resolution, career counselling, rapport building, project management, and business development, and is also a supporter and practitioner of alternative healing practises like Marma and CranioSacral Therapy. He is a NLP Practitioner.



## Sai Prasad Vishwanathan

Founder & CEO, eDot Academy

For Sai Prasad Vishwanathan, the first Asian with a disability to set foot on the Antarctic Continent, featuring in Satyamev Jayate, the celebrated TV show, was an opportunity to raise concern over our country's infrastructure. A recipient of multiple awards, including the Helen Keller Role Model Person of the Year Award 2010 and the I.S.B. 's Torch Bearer Leadership Award (2011), Sai was born with severe physical challenges. A gold medalist from CBIT, a Summa-cumlaude research scholar and M.S. in computer science from the University of Wisconsin, and an MBA from ISB, Sai works for Deloitte as a management consultant. Sai is an adventure freak. In 2008, while in the U.S., he became the first physically challenged Indian to skydive from 14, 000 feet, which earned him a mention in the Limca Book of Records. In 2012, he was out exploring the Grand Canyon and its billion-year sediments on a chopper ride. In 2013, he became the first Asian with a disability to set foot on the Antarctic Continent.



## Kande Sruthi Niveditha

Lead, Strategy, WE Hub

Having grown up in an environment that has highlighted the importance of sustainable development and equitable governance, Sruthi believes that building an inclusive community through the creation of relevant opportunities is the only way institutions and organisations can contribute to creating a level playing field for all individuals, particularly those among the disadvantaged sections of society, to be key stakeholders in the development process. In her present role at WE Hub for the last two years, she has been instrumental in crafting and executing programmes towards enterprise development for approximately 250 women entrepreneurs in Tier 2 and Tier 3 regions of Telangana. She has worked as an Aspirational District Fellow for the Transformation of Aspirational Districts Program of NITI Aayog in two LWE districts in the country. She founded a social enterprise called Karmantik, whose vision was to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities for the artisan community. She also worked as an associate account strategist with Google India.



Mukunda Mala has been in social service for over two decades, helping various sections of society. She retired from Coromandel International Ltd. as Deputy Manager in 2016. She has been involved in the upliftment of the LGBTQ community for over a decade. She has been instrumental in bridging the gap between administration and the transgender community and helped in creating a platform where the issues are discussed for resolution.



## Mukunda Mala

Social Activist

Arun is a higher education marketing professional. Currently leads the Young Leaders Program at the Indian School of Business. He has diverse and rich experience working for top brands like Naukri.com, Butterfly Appliances, and Eenadu and has served in various managerial roles at premier educational institutions. His area of interest lies in marketing strategy, branding, digital marketing, admissions, outreach, students' lives, and alumni relations.



## Arun Prakash

Lead- PGP Young Leaders Programme

Shivangi works as a programme manager at the Kautilya School of Public Policy (Kautilya). She has previously worked as an executive assistant (EA) to Dean Amb. Syed Akbaruddin at Kautilya. Coming from a rural agrarian family in the region of Bundelkhand, Madhya Pradesh, education has been a rare privilege for her. She is the first-generation graduate in her family. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Science with honours in Mathematics from the University of Delhi (DU); a Post-Graduate Diploma in Liberal Studies, also known as the Young India Fellowship (YIF); and a Masters in Liberal Studies (MLS) from Ashoka University. She aspires to build a career in public policy education.

On the co-curricular side, she is a trained dancer in Kathak from Gandharva Mahavidyalaya in New Delhi. She loves Hindustani poetry and Hindustani classical music.



## Shivangi Sharma

Program Manager,  
Kautilya School of Public Policy



## **Prof. Amita Dhanda**

Professor, NALSAR University

Prof. Amita Dhanda is Professor of Law at the National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, Hyderabad. She also heads the Center for Disability Studies at the university. She has a substantive interest in the fields of public law and human rights, with special reference to disability rights. Prof. Dhanda's doctoral thesis, critically appraising the laws relating to the mentally ill, was a pioneering effort at evaluating the human rights conformity of mental health laws in the country. The thesis was later published as a book entitled "Legal Order and Mental Disorder".

Prof. Dhanda is working to create disability rights laws and legal capacity and support regimes in conformity with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



## **Dr. Amir Ullah Khan**

Professor at MCRHRDI,  
Visiting Professor at ISB,  
NALSAR, TISS, ISPP and KSPP

Amir Ullah Khan is a professional economist and professor who has worked on development issues primarily in the health, education, and agriculture sectors. Dr. Khan has worked for the Ministry of Finance, the Government of India, and the UNDP on Project LARGE (Legal Adjustments and Reforms for Globalising the Economy). He is a former deputy director and policy advisor to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Prof. Khan writes a regular column for the business news publication [livemint.com](http://livemint.com) and for the newspaper [etemaaddaily.com](http://etemaaddaily.com). Khan is currently a member of the Board of Governors at the Digital Empowerment Foundation, GyanShaala, and the Welham Girls School. He has been on the governing board of the Presidency University, Bangalore. He was also a member of the Telangana Government's Commission of Inquiry on Socioeconomic Conditions, headed by G Sudhir. Prof. Khan edits Sage's journal of Development Policy and Practice with Dr. Bobby John. He has been Founder Vice Chancellor at the Glocal University in Saharanpur, Executive Director and Editor at Encyclopedia Britannica, Senior Fellow and Director at the India Development Foundation, and Adjunct Professor of Business and Law at the Edith Cowan University. Amir teaches at the Manipal Institute of Technology and the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in Delhi. Khan has been a guest faculty at the Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs. Infinity Business' mission is to enable education and health for underprivileged children. He is also the director of Policy Talks, a company that promotes public policy education, particularly to school students at the School and Fore School of Management in New Delhi. He has worked on various research projects for the European Commission, National Council for Applied Economic Research, Planning Commission, Confederation of Indian Industry, and the World Bank and has written on economic and policy issues. He joined the Indian Civil Service and belongs to the 1993 batch and the 59th Foundation Course at LBSNAA. Now he is a guest faculty member at Jadcherla's prestigious B-school, NMIMS Hyderabad. He has worked on education and health policy with the NITI Aayog and edited a volume on the same subject. Dr. Khan is a founder trustee at the E and H Foundation, whos.



Prof. Raja Shekhar Bellamkonda has a commendable track record as an academician and higher-education administrator. Prof. Shekhar has been associated with the School of Management Studies since its inception (June 1999) and is also coordinating a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management offered by the Center for Distance Education and Virtual Learning, University of Hyderabad. He was also associated with the Telangana State Public Service Commission as one of the committee members responsible for formulating the scheme and syllabus. As the Dean of the School of Management Studies, University of Hyderabad, Prof. Shekhar has played a significant role in launching a unique MBA programme in business analytics at the University of Hyderabad. He has successfully coordinated two MOOC programmes on Research Methodology for Social Sciences and Data Analysis for Social Science Teachers (ARPIT) through the SWAYAM Portal of the government of India. Prof. Shekhar participated in the LEAP (Leadership for Academicians Program) of MHRD at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, and Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, and Prof. Shekhar successfully coordinated the LEAP (Leadership for Academicians Program) of MHRD at the University of Hyderabad as Associate Coordinator. Shekhar is the first recipient of the Academicians Excellence Award instituted by the Hyderabad Management Association in 2020.

Jena Karim has been a civil society and democracy practitioner for 20 years, working on access to democratic processes, elections, and electoral reform in conflict and post-conflict states. Most recently, she worked on increasing access to justice for women and marginalised groups and civil society advocacy development in Afghanistan. Previously, she has led and worked with teams on the development and implementation of programs, including electoral observation, administration, and reform; civic engagement; pluralism and social cohesion; and civic and electoral education. In addition to Afghanistan, Jena has worked in and on Bangladesh, Pakistan, Myanmar, Sudan, Tajikistan, and other contexts in transition. She holds an LL.M. in Constitutional Law from York University, an M.A. in Islamic Studies from McGill University, and a B.A. in Comparative Politics from Oberlin College. Jena published a book on polarisation and political culture and has written and presented on civil society, access to justice, and political transition for academic and policy audiences, including the International Political Science Association and the Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law.



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Senior Professor, School of Management Studies,  
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## **Jena Karim**

Senior Democracy and Governance Advisor



## Kshiti Gala

Leads Global Research and Consulting Practice,  
Seamless, part of Sannam S4 Group

With 11 years of work experience in the government, non-profit, for-profit, and public policy spaces, Kshiti leads the Research and Consulting practise at Seamless, part of the Sannam S4 group. She holds an MSc in Development Economics from SOAS, University of London, as the UK Government's fully funded global Chevening Scholar and leads the Mumbai Chapter for Chevening Alumni India. Formerly, she has been a visiting faculty member at the Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS) and St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. During the last 6 years, she has taught subjects such as macro-economics, development economics, business ethics, scientific communication skills, impact assessment, research methodology, and research writing. Kshiti has conceptualised and given thought leadership to multiple strategic research projects from start to finish for national and international clients. Previously, she has worked with organisations such as the United Nations Development Program, the London International Development Centre, and the UK Government's Department for International Development (DFID). At 23, she was one of the youngest Indian residents to work for the UNDP. She has worked with the Government of Maharashtra's Forest Department on biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihoods. She has worked as a policy consultant for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to analyse the work of international non-profits like Action Aid and Plan India, published in the book titled 'What Transformation Takes' on the localization of aid and disseminated globally. She has worked with tribal communities in remote, rural Madhya Pradesh for sustainable livelihood support (through women-led microfinance groups) with the grassroots civil society organisation Samaj Pragati Sahayog. She has worked extensively on women's empowerment through financial inclusion projects with Women's World Banking. She has worked on increasing the uptake of sexual and reproductive health services for adolescent girls and young women with organisations such as Girl Effect, Purpose, Oxfam, and Triggerise. She has worked on the Ford Foundation-funded public policy project 'Industrialization for Employment and Growth in India,' implemented by the Reserve Bank of India's Research Institute, the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research. The national-level project highlighted the challenges of small and medium enterprises in India. Her unique research has been published, and she is the author of a book chapter for Cambridge University Press titled 'Industrialization for Jobs and Growth'. She was selected to pursue the fully funded Young India Fellowship (a postgraduate multi-disciplinary liberal arts program) at Ashoka University. Here, she was given the 'Torchbearer Award' for excellence in academics, extracurriculars, and social contribution. She was awarded the Mother Teresa Fellowship for her continuous commitment and work in the development sector. At the young age of 19, she was selected for the India Leadership Exchange Program at New York University's Stern School of Business to represent India at an international level. She engages in a range of philanthropic work, including providing mentorship support to girls and women from marginalised communities. She remotely runs a healthcare and women's development centre in the village of Nani Tumbdi in Kutch, Gujarat, India.



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**Sakshi Hallan**

Consultant, The World Bank

A career spanning different domains, from civil engineering to information technology to e-government, across government, not-for-profit, private, and start-up companies located in India and the US, gaining expertise in IT consulting, IT strategy, mentoring teams, and start-ups...

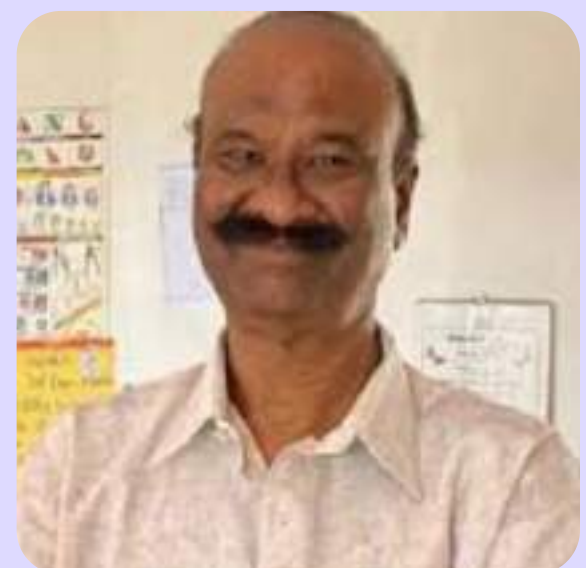
I am happy that I played a role in the Digital India growth story by way of conceptualization and design of a number of e-government projects that are crucial in bringing in reforms and transformation in various domains such as health, visa-and-immigration, civil aviation, atomic energy, education, and urban local bodies. I was involved in formulating the strategy for the implementation of the Meghraj policy of cloud computing for the Government of India. Developed a strategy, tool kit, and procurement guidelines to enable cloud adoption by the government departments in the states and the centre. Currently, I am working as the director of emerging technologies and an officer on special duty at the information technology and communications department (ITE&C) of the government of Telangana. My role is to formulate and implement policy frameworks for the state that would create a conducive ecosystem for the growth of emerging technologies and also assist the government in leveraging these technologies for better governance. In a short time, I have been successful in positioning Telangana State as a pioneer in terms of adopting emerging technologies such as blockchain, AI, drones, cloud, IoT, and cyber security and also in fostering the ecosystem in the state, making it a favourable destination for investments.



**Mrs. Rama Devi Lanka**

Director - Emerging Technologies

During the course of his professional career, he served as the Commissioner of Police for Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad. He also held the positions of Director of the AP Police Academy, Director General of Prisons, Director General of Fire Services, and Managing Director of the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC). Mr. Krishna Rao was awarded 'The Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service' and 'The President's Medal for Distinguished Service.' After retiring in 2010, he has been teaching at institutes and universities like IIM Ahmedabad, NALSAR University, ESCI, the University of Hyderabad, the Dr. MCR HRD Institute, APHRDI, ASCI, and LBSNAA (Mussoorie).



**M.V. Krishna Rao**

Retired police commissioner,  
visiting faculty LAW, NALSAR



## Mr. Jayesh Ranjan

Principal Secretary- Industries & Commerce & IT, Government of Telangana

Mr. Jayesh Ranjan is a Telangana-based employee of the 1992 batch of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS). His academic credentials include a master's in psychology from Delhi University, a business management degree from the Indian Institute of Management in Calcutta, and a master's in public management from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore. Additionally, he has taken short courses at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University (in Public Policy), the Swedish Institute in Stockholm, the JICA training institute in Tokyo (on lake remediation), the London School of Economics (on globalisation and leadership), and the University of Birmingham (on environmental policy analysis) (on Sustainability and CSR). He is the 1992 IAS batch's All-India best student.

He received the Gurukul Chevening Scholarship from the British Government in 2005 as well as the Social Capital Visiting Scholarship from the World Bank in 2002. He has worked on international consulting projects for organisations such as the World Bank, UN-ESCAP, the Sedatu project in Mexico, and international non-governmental organisations (NGO) that focus on youth issues including YES, Inc. in the United States and NMC in Italy. He participates in training and mentoring newly hired civil servants as a member of the National Pool of Trainers in Leadership established by the Indian government. He received the Royal Order of the Polar Star in 2019 from His Majesty The King of Sweden, among other honours, for advancing Swedish commercial interests in India, notably the opening of IKEA's first Indian shop in Hyderabad. He has also been awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Bolton (UK) in 2022 for promoting bilateral trade and investments between the UK and Telangana.

Jayesh Ranjan is the Principal Secretary of the Industries and Commerce (I&C) and Information Technology (IT) Departments of the Telangana government. His assignment involves developing policy frameworks, attracting new investments, identifying opportunities for utilising IT in various government processes, and promoting the digital empowerment of the citizens. His last few assignments have been in the industrial promotion sector as Commissioner and MD of the Industries Department, Secretary in the Tourism Promotion Department, and Vice-Chairman of the Hyderabad Urban Development Authority (HUDA), all for 2-3 years each, and various rural assignments in different parts of the state for over 12 years, working in diverse sectors like tribal development, natural resources management, poverty alleviation, and other related social development sectors.

Jayesh Ranjan supports many social, cultural, and charitable causes and is on the boards or advisory committees of United Way (Hyderabad), Save A Child's Heart (SACH) Foundation, Young Lives India, Save the Children, Sparsh Hospice, APMAS, ML Jaisimha Sports Foundation, Hyderabad 10 K Foundation, Vijaya Foundation Trust, Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation, LSN Foundation, Tejas Foundation, Magic Bus Hyderabad, World Wildlife Fund (Hyderabad chapter), and the Hyderabad Literary Festival. Spic-Macay. Heal a Child Foundation, Moving Images, Society to Aid the Hearing Impaired (SAHI), and the Institute of Public Enterprises (IPE).



Sriram Birudavolu is an excellent person, having in-depth knowledge in cyber security, telecom, IT, technology innovation, TOGAF, etc., and the ability to implement GDPR and personal data protection in a corporate environment. He is a senior management executive with over two decades of global experience in the IT/ICT/Telecom industry and an excellent track record of progressive achievements. Expertise in building high-performance organisations that enable and catalyse business and innovation strategies. C-Level Advisor, Technology Startups Mentor Holds a PhD in Open Innovation in ICT (Information and Communication Technology) conferred by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in 2016. She also has a master's in computer science and a bachelor's in electrical engineering. Published a book titled "Business Innovation and ICT Strategies" with Palgrave Macmillan, Springer Publications, Europe, in December 2018. Delivered complex, mission-critical IT/ICT enterprise software for products, solutions, and operations, and has worked on consulting engagements globally.

Currently CEO of DSCI's Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, she is incubating startups in cybersecurity and privacy and running research, innovation, collaboration, and capability building programs. Previous Role: He heads Information Sciences at T-Hub, India's Largest and Fastest-Growing Ecosystem for Technology Startups, incubating and accelerating about 160 technology startups in 7 verticals. Leadership experience in reputable technology companies, including ORACLE, VERISIGN, HEWLETT-PACKARD, SIEMENS, and TECHSPAN (Goldman Sachs Technology Venture), as well as management of large technical and business teams. Led large, multi-million-dollar global engagements with top and mid-tier customers in the ICT/Telecom/Analytics industry in: the USA, Germany, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, the UK, Middle East, Africa, the Philippines, and India. Strong combination of technical, team-building, business, and innovation capabilities. Passionate about innovation, AI/ML, cloud computing, analytics, digital services, and high-quality agile processes. A TOGAF 9 Certified Enterprise Architect from Open Group and a PMP Certified Project Manager from PMI.

Rebekah Drame is a seasoned foreign service officer with over 20 years of experience with the US Department of State. She is now the consular chief of the US Consulate General in Hyderabad. She has served as a consul at the US Embassy in Copenhagen and as a Regional Consular Officer at the US Embassy in Johannesburg. Adept in both English and French, she has a bachelor's degree in political science and African and Afro-American studies from Washington University in St. Louis and in international relations and affairs from American University.



## **Dr. Sriram Birudavolu**

CEO - Cyber Security Centre of Excellence,  
Data Security Council of India



## **Ms. Rebekah Drame**

Consular Chief at US Consulate General,  
Hyderabad



## Manjula Gajanayake

National Coordinator  
Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV)  
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Manjula Gajanayake is a researcher attached to the Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA), a leading research and advocacy organisation in Sri Lanka. He is also the National Coordinator of CMEV, a respected and leading election monitoring body that has covered elections in Sri Lanka since 1997. He graduated from the University of Colombo with a BA in International Relations and studied power sharing and devolution at Hamdard University in New Delhi, India. He was the US International Visitors Leadership Program member representing Sri Lanka in 2019. Further, he has collaboratively produced a number of research papers and books with CPA and CMEV. He has authored a number of newspaper articles on current political and legal issues, and he has given leadership to new initiatives in order to strengthen civic participation in the electoral process. Most recently, he collaborated with several disability rights activists and disability inclusive civil society and development organisations to launch an advocacy initiative titled 'Enabled Elections,' which was a campaign to provide "reasonable access" to voters with disabilities during the 2015 Parliamentary General Election. Further, he is a Steering Committee member of the March 12 Movement (M12ernatives (CPA), a leading research and advocacy organisation in Sri Lanka. He is also the National Coordinator of CMEV, a respected and leading election monitoring body that has covered elections in Sri Lanka since 1997. He graduated from the University of Colombo with a BA in International Relations and studied power sharing and devolution at Hamdard University in New Delhi, India. He was the US International Visitors Leadership Program member representing Sri Lanka in 2019. Further, he has collaboratively produced a number of research papers and books with CPA and CMEV. He has authored a number of newspaper articles on current political and legal issues, and he has given leadership to new initiatives in order to strengthen civic participation in the electoral process. Most recently, he collaborated with several disability rights activists and disability inclusive civil society and development organisations to launch an advocacy initiative titled "Enabled Elections," which was a campaign to provide "reasonable access" to voters with disabilities during the 2015 Parliamentary General Election. Further, he is a Steering Committee member of the March 12 Movement (M12M). The M12M movement is a voluntary public movement comprising various government and non-government organisations and institutions. Contributing as a regular article writer to local newspapers on electoral process and many associated socio-political topics and facilitating various events as a guest speaker on topics related to electoral process and electoral reforms



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Anitha (TDP) is an ex-MLA of Payakaraopeta Assembly Constituency in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh. She is currently the official spokeswoman for the TDP (Telugu Desam Party) and the president of the women's wing. TDP leader Anitha is the president of the TDP women's wing, which is called "Telugu Mahila". She is one of the most powerful spokespeople in Andhra politics. Moreover, she actively participates in TV debates and press conferences. Anitha Vangalapudi received her MA and B.Ed. from Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. Before entering full-time politics, she worked as a teacher for APOSS (Andhra Pradesh Open School Society).

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## Dr. Gyanmudra

Professor & Chairperson for  
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## Ajay jain

Co-founder and managing director,  
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## Amita Kasbekar

Principal strategist, LGBTQ+ practice Avatar



## Tanuja Abburi

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## Ramesh Loganathan

Professor Co-Innovation/  
Outreach at IIIT Hyderabad.  
Ex Chief Innovation Officer (interim) of  
TS State Innovation Cell

Professor Co-Innovation is an accomplished technologist with over 20 years of product engineering and R&D leadership experience. He is a member of the governing board of incubators at IIIT-H, IIT Hyd, IIIT-Delhi, and BITS. He has co-authored a book on SOA integration and is active in Product/Startup circles.



## Ms. Prerana Nayak

Principal Group Project Manager, Microsoft

Prerana has over 20 years of experience in NASDAQ and Forbes-listed companies, setting up new initiatives and building teams with diverse skills. She is a hands-on leader in multiple business functions and can communicate effectively with technical and non-technical teams..She has an outstanding track record as a top performer, the youngest tech. lead in i2, the youngest manager in FirstRain, 1st rank throughout her B.E. (Computer Engineering), and a dean's merit lister in MBA.



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Dr. Neelesh Kumar is presently working as Head and Senior Principal Scientist in the Biomedical Applications Group of the Central Scientific Instruments Organization in Chandigarh with 22 years of R&D experience. He was also head of mechanics and electronics at the CSIO-Indo-Swiss Training Centre, Chandigarh. He has received a national award for the development of technological aids for the mobility of the disabled in 2012 and 2019, the IEI Young Engineers Award in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Discipline for the year 2009, the IETE BV Baliga Memorial Award 2018, the ISTE Best MTech Thesis Award 2018, the INSA Bilateral Fellowship 2018, and the Raman Research Fellowship 2013.

He is the founder and CEO of Onward Assist. He is a seasoned healthcare entrepreneur passionate about using technology to build simple solutions to traditional challenges in healthcare. Onward Assist deploys the power of ML- and CV-based tools, built in partnership with clinicians. Onward Assist's mission is to improve cancer diagnosis and simplify the pathology reporting process by deploying user-friendly and powerful technology. Before joining this company, he has worked with companies like eKincare, Wipro GE Healthcare, NIIT Technologies, Satyam Infoway, and others. He holds a PGDM degree from the IIM, Lucknow.

Rachana Chennamaneni is a medical oncologist working as a consultant and assistant professor at the Department of Medical Oncology, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, India. She aims to use her expertise to cure the sick and restore their health and well-being, and to spread awareness about various cancers. She has done her MBBS at Prathima Institute of Medical Sciences, internship at Kakatiya Medical College, MD from the Chalmeda Anand Rao Institute of Medical Sciences, DM degree in medical oncology from the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences. She has received the Dr. P. Siva Reddy gold medal for securing the highest marks in ophthalmology.

Dr. Rooma Sinha has over 26 years of experience in laparoscopic and hysteroscopic surgery and is the most experienced robotic surgeon in India. She is an honorary professor at Apollo Hospitals and an associate professor at Macquarie University in Sydney. She is actively involved in public awareness programmes and is experienced in treating women with endometriosis and fibroids.



**Dr. Neelesh Kumar**

Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR



**Dinesh Koka**

Founder & CEO, Onward Assist



**Dr. Rachana Ch.**

Medical Oncologist, NIMS Hospital, Hyderabad



**Dr. Rooma Sinha**

Honorary Professor & Chief Gynecologist,  
Laparoscopic & Robotic Surgeon,  
Apollo Health City Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, INDIA.



## Gowthami Prasanna B

OPC Production Engineer, Micron

As a part of the hardware industry for over 7 years, she has worked as a senior design engineer responsible for the design and optimization of several blocks in the analogue IO, and as an application engineer, she has interacted with customers to provide solutions to tool flow problems or PDK-related issues.



## Malathi Kar

Senior Manager Masktech at Micron

An effective professional with a rich experience of over 20 years in the semiconductor industry, working on state-of-the-art hardware technologies at Micron. With multiple patents to her name on electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection, she has worked on the development and characterization of standard cells in CMOS technologies.



## Dr. Jayachandra K

Vice President - Pure Earth foundation

Dr. Jayachandra is a prominent lecturer at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) Mussoorie, the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), the Dr. MCRHRD Institute, ESCI, TALIM, MCEME, and the Judicial Academy Hyderabad. As convener, he has organised seven national conferences. He has directed more than seventy academic projects for M.Tech. and B.Tech. students. He published twelve research articles in geospatial technology-based applications. More than thirty entities and agencies of the state and federal governments are supported with his geospatial technology consultancy services.



## Ms. Sai Usha

MS by Research student, IIITH

Ms. Sai Usha is a research student at the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIITH). She is focusing on the intersection of artificial intelligence and edge computing. Her research is centred on developing AI algorithms and models that can effectively operate on the edge, which refers to computing resources that are closer to the location where data is generated. By harnessing the power of edge computing, her goal is to create efficient and scalable solutions that can improve the performance of AI systems in a variety of real-world applications.



Madhulika Choudhary is a well-known professor, environmentalist and a passionate advocate. Hailing from Rajasthan, she completed her Master's in Computer Science and worked as a research scientist for two years at the Central Electronics Research Institute, Pilani. Later acquired an M. Tech degree from Jaipur. Choudhary's dedication and commitment to the environment have made her a role model for many and have inspired countless individuals to become more environmentally conscious. Her work has been instrumental in raising awareness about the importance of preserving the environment. "We always complain but never offer a remedy. It is high time environmental protection was viewed as a professional service rather than a charitable endeavour.", claims Madhulika.



**Mrs. Madhulika Choudhary**

Social Activist

Dr. Meena Hariharan is the founder director of Centre for Health Psychology, University of Hyderabad. She is also the founder and president of the Association of Health Psychologists and chief editor of the Indian Journal of Health Studies.

She completed her Master's in Psychology and Ph.D. in Psychology from the Center for Advanced Studies in Psychology, Utkal University, Orissa. Since 1992, she has been a student at the University of Hyderabad. Before joining the university, she worked at the National Institute of Nutrition. She is one of very few in the country working in the specialised area of behavioural cardiology and has standardised some psychological tools in the same area. Five students working in this area under her guidance have been awarded PhDs. She authored more than 80 articles and book chapters in national and international journals. She has written five books, which have been published by SAGE, Routledge, Allied, and Global Vision. Apart from this, she has produced several programmes related to psychology for the erstwhile "country-wide classroom." She is a member of the ethics committees of four corporate hospitals and also a member of boards of studies for departments of psychology at several universities. She has been conferred the 'Maya Dev Memorial Lectureship Award' in the year 2020 by the Asiatic Society in recognition of her research contributions to rural women.



**Dr. Meena Hariharan**

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## Thomas David Tency

CEO of Hydrow Technologies &  
Researcher at IIIT Hyderabad.

Thomas David Tency is a passionate entrepreneur and researcher, who is dedicated to solving global water scarcity issues through technological innovation. He is the co-founder of Hydrow Technologies, a startup that is focused on creating sustainable solutions for water management and conservation. Prior to this, he was an Innovator at IIT Bombay, where he worked on developing advanced technologies for water purification and conservation. Thomas is also a Research Assistant at SPCRC, IIIT Hyderabad, where he is involved in cutting-edge research on water resource management, climate change, and sustainable development.



## Bala Prasad Peddigari

Principal Consultant &  
Chief Innovation Officer at  
Communications Media and Technology Unit,  
Tata Consultancy Services Limited

Bala Prasad Peddigari (Bala) has been working with Tata Consultancy Services Limited for over 24 years as a principal consultant and chief innovation officer at the communications, media, and technology unit. He is responsible for managing a purpose-driven transformation programme with technology enablers, research, and innovation functions. He is a technology thought leader and practitioner in building high-performing product development teams and technology practices such as artificial intelligence, enterprise architecture, cloud solutions, design thinking, devops, business analytics, the modern workplace, performance engineering, and security. Bala has established a strong community network connected with IEEE, CSI, the Internet Society, the Open Group, and FTCCI. He has also worked with several co-innovation network partners to drive technology evaluation programmes (TEP) and technology adoption programmes (TAP) to drive product or service adoption within customer communities and jointly drive go-to-market initiatives to deliver purpose-driven business growth. He completed his Masters from the University College of Engineering in Osmania in Computer Applications. He is pledging his time to volunteer for CSI, IEEE FTCCI, the Internet Society, and the Open Group.



## Dr. Shivaram and Team

NC Kalari

Kalari Siva (Dr. Sivaram) is an expert in Kalarippayattu. He has been training under his master Dr. Murugan Pillai since 2013. He has expanded the art of Kalarippayattu in Hyderabad as an expansion of Nithya Chaithanya Kalari. He has several disciples in and outside Hyderabad, Telangana. Nithya Chaithanya Kalari (NC Kalari) is a Traditional Martial Arts/Kalari Marma Chikitsa Academy established by his guru, Dr. Murugan Pillai in Delhi. In his lineage of this art, he acquired mastery from his guru. He is also an MBBS and DNB specialist in the department of anaesthesia and intensive care. He has performed Kalarippayattu under NC Kalari in various platforms including live stages in and around Delhi from 2015 to the date.



Deepthi Vajpayee's command in Telugu has made her a senior news presenter and anchor of TV9, as well as the celebrity anchor of the TV news media in Andhra Pradesh. She has more than eighteen years of experience in electronic media and has been with TV9 since its inception. Even though she is an engineering graduate, her flair for anchoring has driven her into this profession, and ever since, she has never looked back. Apart from presenting the regular news bulletins, she has expertise in handling current issues ranging from political, social, lifestyle, sports, and technology to entertainment issues, where she excelled as an anchor. Deepthi Vajpayee's eighteen more years of experience in the TV news media speaks volumes of her undaunted involvement and versatility in every presentation. She excels in every show conducted by her and always enhances the value of the program with her scintillating and dynamic presence.



## Deepthi Vajpayee

Senior News presenter and Anchor, TV9

VL Narasimham Rajana is the Policy and Strategy lead for GNITS and the Chairperson of CII IWN Telangana. A Young India Fellow from Ashoka University, Narasimham has worked with Governments at State and Central levels and led an NGO. He was formerly the Chief Program Officer at Teach for Change NGO and Project Manager, WE Hub, Government of Telangana. He is the incoming MALD graduate at Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Narasimham has been navigating the field of Public Policy, with Bachelor's degree in Engineering from Manipal University and a Post-graduation in Liberal Arts from Ashoka University.



## VL Narasimham Rajana

Development sector and public policy professional

Shivani Sodagam is a postgraduate in International Business Administration from London with prior experience. Her educational background also includes a degree in International Business Management from Newcastle University. Business strategy, corporate communications, marketing, networking, leadership, and Cisco Systems products are all areas of expertise. She is a strong community and social services professional with a certificate degree in user innovation and entrepreneurship from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and 4+ years of runway or print modelling experience in the fashion business.



## Shivani Sodagam

IKEA - International communications specialist



## Dr NV Gowthami Mullangi

Founder & MD-The Entrepreneur zone,  
startup mentor, TedX speaker

Dr. NV Gowthami Mullangi is working as an Ob/Gyn consultant at the JJ Hospital in Kalyan Nagar Hyderabad. He is a member of FOGSI and the Visakhapatnam Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He belongs to the Bangalore Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is a gold medalist in the disciplines of physiology, microbiology, pharmacology, ENT, ophthalmology, and gynaecology. He is a sports person who excels in badminton. He is a participant of Pulse Polio. He participated in free medical clinics held during Pushkarams in the Godavari rivers. Additionally, he took part in health awareness and screening activities at WIPRO Bangalore and organised a medical camp in Gunnampalli.



## Dr.Udaya Renugunta

International certified Karlakattai Coach,  
Physiotherapist

Dr.Udaya Renugunta is an internationally certified Karlakattai coach who trains many women. Karlakattai is an Indian club made of special varieties of wood with medicinal properties. It is an ancient piece of equipment that has been in use since ancient times. Many civilizations used it to keep their bodies in good shape and alignment, to maintain optimum fitness levels, and even to correct physical and neurological injuries after wars. It is believed that this 60,000-year-old knowledge is a gift to humankind from Lord Shiva. She is a physiotherapist specialising in pelvic health, a certified lamaze educator, a pre and postnatal yoga instructor, and has been working with women for 13 years. She has also been teaching classes for expectant parents, conducting wellness sessions, organising support meetings for women right from puberty to menopause, and holding free awareness sessions in various cities and districts to reach out to many women on different topics related to pregnancy, birth, postpartum, breastfeeding, women's wellness, and many more. She has been giving programmes on various TV channels and is the recipient of many awards for her support of women's health.



## Dr. R. Shilpa Manogna

Lecturer in Special Education,  
National Institute for Mentally Handicapped,  
ManovikasNagar,Hyderabad

Dr. R. Shilpa Manogna has a Ph.D. in special education and 15 years of experience in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Currently, she is a faculty in the Dept. of Special Education, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India. She is the academic course coordinator for the M.Ed., B.Ed., and Diploma in Special Education in Intellectual Disability. Her research focus areas include inclusive education, sexuality education for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, bio-behaviour state analysis, teacher education, parent training, and scholastic problems among children with LD and other developmental disabilities. She is actively involved in the carer and parent training programs. She has been closely associated with curriculum development for universities offering special education and disability rehabilitation programs. She has presented several research papers at international and national conferences.



Brij Bhushan is an expert in yoga with 38+ years experience. Currently, he is heading Namaste India Foundation, for establishing, promoting, and maintaining aid to institutions for the coordination and integration of concepts and activities of various schools of yoga and research and training institutes in health, medical, and technological sciences, as well as Indian culture and heritage. He is also associated with national, state and district level yoga federations for the propagation of yoga among kids, youth, and veterans as a sport through yogasana championships. He is in an association with various yoga universities across India for conducting yoga teacher training courses and promoting yoga as a career choice for the youth of the country. He is preparing a team of youngsters to coach top-level athletes and celebrities through yoga and allied wellness sciences. He is working with the team of yoga and alternate therapy experts to address the needs of various ailments that are difficult to cure through the regular medication process. Involved with multiple specialised doctors and hospitals for providing services of alternate therapies.

Dr. Vishu Gade is part of the WHO (World Health Organization) and IASP (International Association for Suicide Prevention) teams and conducted research for 4 years on suicides and preventive measures by using storage boxes to reduce the incidence of suicides in farmers in Khammam, Telangana, India, from 2012-2016. He worked on the project as the team leader. He worked as a senior resident at the Department of Psychiatry, Prathima Medical College, Karimnagar, Telangana. He has nine research articles published in reputed international and national journals to his credit.

Dr Anyah Prasad is a research assistant at the Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences, UMass Chan Medical School, assisting Prof. Kate Lapane in a project on social isolation. She has research interests in health and social networks, subjective age, and LGBT ageing. She also has teaching interests in ageing and health and research methods. She has received awards, including the Outstanding Achievement Award, McCormack Graduate School, University of Massachusetts Boston, and Gerontology Scholarship Award, Department of Gerontology, University of Massachusetts Boston in 2019.



## **Brij Bhushan**

Founder & President:  
Namaste India Foundation, Yogacharya



## **Dr. Vishnu Gade**

Neuro Psychiatrist Kamineni Hospitals Abids,  
Hyderabad



## **Dr. Anyah Prasad**

P.hD in Gerontology,  
University of Massachusetts Boston, USA



# Day - 1

**SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE: WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY**

Speakers: SARADA KRISHNA, RANJANA KUMAR, SHREYAS KUMAR, RAJESH KUMAR

8TH MARCH, 2023  
9:30AM - 11:30AM

**WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY: AI OR STILL?**

Speakers: SANYA PRASAD, ANITA SANKAR

8TH MARCH, 2023  
9:30AM - 11:30AM

**TECHTOPIA: THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION**

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9:30AM - 11:30AM

**LEARN, CONNECT, GROW: Linked Building Workshop**

Speaker: THE RISRI KAPAL

8TH MARCH, 2023  
9:30AM - 11:30AM

**FIRESIDE CHAT: WELCOME INNOVATION**

Speaker: ANISH K. S.

8TH MARCH, 2023  
1:30PM - 3:30PM

**ARTRIO: It's not what you look or think, it's what you do.**

Speakers: ANITA SANKAR, ANITA SANKAR

8TH MARCH, 2023  
9:30AM - 11:30AM

**FIRESIDE CHAT: BRINGING AND REVOLUTIONIZING THE PUBLIC POLICY AREA FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

Speakers: ANITA SANKAR, ANITA SANKAR

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9:30AM - 11:30AM

**WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY: AI OR STILL?**

Speakers: DR. ANAND KUMAR, DR. ANAND KUMAR, DR. ANAND KUMAR, DR. ANAND KUMAR, DR. ANAND KUMAR

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**BOOK LAUNCH AND BOOK READING SESSION ON THE SAME PAGE**

Speaker: DR. ANAND KUMAR

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**FIRESIDE CHAT: COLLABORATE TO CONQUER**

Speaker: ANITA SANKAR

8TH MARCH, 2023  
9:30AM - 11:30AM

**SEMINAR: BEYOND THE BOX: WOMEN IN UNCOMMON CAREER PATHS**

Speakers: RUTHA KRISHNA, MARISA VARMA, SAHITHI KOSURI

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9:30AM - 11:30AM

**WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY: AI OR STILL?**

Speakers: DR. ANAND KUMAR, DR. ANAND KUMAR, DR. ANAND KUMAR, DR. ANAND KUMAR, DR. ANAND KUMAR

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**WORKSHOP: ROBOT RHAPODY**

8TH MARCH, 2023  
9:30AM - 11:30AM

**WOMEN IN ACADEMIA: GEOETHICS**

Speaker: DR. ANAND KUMAR

8TH MARCH, 2023  
9:30AM - 11:30AM

**AWARENESS PROGRAM: BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS, THE YOUNG CLASSROOM**

Speaker: ANITA SANKAR

8TH MARCH, 2023  
9:30AM - 11:30AM

**SEMINAR: WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT WOMEN?**

Speaker: ANITA SANKAR

8TH MARCH, 2023  
9:30AM - 11:30AM

**WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY: AI OR STILL?**

Speakers: DR. ANAND KUMAR, DR. ANAND KUMAR, DR. ANAND KUMAR, DR. ANAND KUMAR, DR. ANAND KUMAR

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9:30AM - 11:30AM

**PANEL DISCUSSION: EXPLORING THE EFFECTS OF LAYOFF & RETIREMENT**

Speakers: ANITA SANKAR, ANITA SANKAR, ANITA SANKAR, ANITA SANKAR, ANITA SANKAR

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**WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY: AI OR STILL?**

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**FIRESIDE CHAT: BRINGING AND REVOLUTIONIZING THE PUBLIC POLICY AREA FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

Speakers: ANITA SANKAR, ANITA SANKAR

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9:30AM - 11:30AM

**PANEL DISCUSSION: LEADING THE WAY: CONFLICT-FREE ZONE**

Speakers: ANITA SANKAR, ANITA SANKAR, ANITA SANKAR, ANITA SANKAR, ANITA SANKAR

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9:30AM - 11:30AM

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: NAVIGATING AND CHANGING YOUR CAREER IN DIFFICULT TIMES**

Speakers: ANITA SANKAR, ANITA SANKAR

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9:30AM - 11:30AM

**COMPETITION: PROGRAMMING PALOOZA**

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9:30AM - 11:30AM

**FIRESIDE CHAT: BRINGING AND REVOLUTIONIZING THE PUBLIC POLICY AREA FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

Speaker: ANITA SANKAR

8TH MARCH, 2023  
9:30AM - 11:30AM

**WOMEN IN POLICY: Internet Governance and Tech Policy Workshop**

Speaker: ANITA SANKAR

8TH MARCH, 2023  
9:30AM - 11:30AM



# Day - 2





# Special Attractions

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE

**PRAHETI RACING**  
RACE CAR STALL BY SAE CLUB OF CBIT



8TH MARCH, 2023  
11:00AM TO 3:00PM

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WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE

**FASHION SHOW**  
"CELEBRATING OURSELVES"  
CATEGORY - "BODY POSITIVITY"



MARCH 9TH 2023

WOMEN IN BUSINESS CONCLAVE

**DRAGON'S DEN**



VENUE: A-10, ADMIN BLOCK  
TIME: 2:00PM - 5:00PM  
DATE: 8TH MARCH, 2023

Will their pitch interest the dragons or will it end up in flames?

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE

**WOMEN IN ARTS**

**PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**



with: **MYTHRI SARAN**  
PHOTOGRAPHER

8th March, 2023

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE

**WORKSHOP**

**A Paraphernalia of Self-Defense**



with: **B. DEVENDER**  
ONE YEAR COORDINATOR, TELANGANA STATE NATIONAL COLLEGE OF FASHIONING AND FITNESS

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2:00PM-3:00PM

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE

**WOMEN IN ARTS**

**CHERYAL WORKSHOP**



with: **PASULA MANGA**  
Founder Cheryala Koyya Gonnala, Siddipet District, Cheryal, Telangana

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WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE

**KALARIPAYATTU**

**DEFEND AND CONQUER**

**KALARIPAYATTU WORKSHOP**

BY **DR. SHIVARAM AND TEAM**  
KALARIPAYATTU INSTRUCTOR BY K.C. SARAI



8TH MARCH, 2023  
3:00PM-4:00PM





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