

Towards a Future-ready India: Education, Skills, and AI
8 Jan 2026, Bangalore International Centre

10:30 Onwards

Registration and Coffee

11:00 – 11:40 AM

Inaugural Session

Welcome Address:

Brinda Poornapragna (Chief Executive Officer, eVidyaloka Trust)

Inaugural Keynote:

Shashi Shekhar Vempati (Founder - AI4India and Former CEO - Prasar Bharti)

Special Address:

Dr Sonia Pant (Programme Director - Education, NITI Aayog)

11:40 – 12:00 PM

Focused Talk 1

Bridging Rural India's Education-Skilling Gap Through AI

Raul John Aju (TEDx Speaker and AI Prodigy, Founder - Ai Realm)

12:00 – 12:45 PM

Panel Discussion 1

Reimagining Rural Classrooms with AI

Prof Gopal Naik (JJM Chair Professor & Sr Fellow, Centre for Public Policy, IIM Bangalore)

Prof Mangala Sunder Krishnan (Professor Emeritus, Dept of Chemistry, IIT Madras)

Prof Dinesh Babu Jayagopi (Head, Dept of Data Science and AI, IIIT Bangalore)

Moderator: **V. Ramkumar** (Member, Board of Trustees of eVidyaloka)

12:50 - 1:10 PM

Focused Talk 2

Education to Employability: Building Pathways for a Future-ready India

Santhosh Ananthapura (AVP & Head, Infosys Springboard India and Government Partnerships)

1:15 – 2:00 PM

Lunch and Networking

2:00 – 2:45 PM

Panel Discussion 2

Bridging the Rural-Urban Skills Gap: Where Education, Skills, and AI Converge

Rumi Mallick Mitra (Global Head - CSR & Sustainability, EY GDS)

Dr Anupama Shetty (Mission Director - Biocon Foundation)

Kishore Kumar Thangavelu (CSR Program Manager, Microsoft India)

Moderator: **R. V. Balasubramaniam Iyer** (VP - Jio Platforms Ltd & Advisor - eVidyaloka)

2:50 – 3:10 PM

Focused Talk 3

Narratives and Real-time Solutions for Rural Education and Employment

Gaurav Gupta (Chief Growth Officer - EkStep Foundation)

3:15 - 3:25 PM

Focused Talk 4

GCCs - From Skills to Economic Value Add

Ravi S Ramakrishnan (Founder & Executive Chairman, RvaluE Group)

3:25 - 3:45 PM

Special Address and Prize Distribution

Prize Distribution:

Capt Shanthi S (Sr Program Director - Infosys Foundation)

3:45 - 4:30 PM

Valedictory Session

Valedictory Keynote:

Ravichandran V (Chairperson - eVidyaloka Trust)

4:30 Onwards

Coffee and Conversations