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A one-day conclave

LIGHTHOUSE : GUIDING EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE

Friday, 6th February 2026

ABOUT THE EVENT

Higher education is in its most interesting phase. With NEP and the advent of AI in education, suddenly the higher education seems to be drifting into unchartered territories. To be remain relevant with respect to industry, and society, we need lighthouse more than ever.

This conclave is an attempt to bring the academic leadership on a platform where we can debate, discuss and decide future course of action in a simple, focussed and collaborative way. The idea is to explore the future of higher education, reimagine existing frameworks, and discuss opportunities arising from global collaborations.

The following are the details of the conclave.

OBJECTIVES ARE TO

- Explore the future of higher education in India
- Reimagine existing frameworks of higher education and open a debate on what needs to changed
- Gain insights from global practices in higher education with a focus on India's emerging opportunities
- Strengthen the spirit of nationalism and nation-building through higher education.

THE CHIEF GUEST & KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe

Chairman, NETF, NBA & EC-NAAC

Prof. Anil Dattatraya Sahasrabudhe is a distinguished academician and leader in technical education, currently serving as Chairman of National Educational Technology Forum (NETF), NBA and NAAC, and formerly Chair of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). He holds a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering (Gold Medal) from BVB College of Engineering, Hubli, and both his Master's and Ph.D. from Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore. With a career spanning faculty positions at premier institutions like Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati and leadership as Director of College of Engineering, Pune (CoEP), he has championed academic excellence, research, governance, and institutional transformation. Prof. Sahasrabudhe is recognized for his visionary reforms – from curriculum innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives to national-level policies supporting quality and inclusivity in technical education.

THE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



Prof. Vipul Pare

Dean (People and Resources)
College of Business, Government & Law
Flinders University, Australia

Prof. Vipul Pare is Dean (People and Resources) at the College of Business, Government and Law, Flinders University, bringing over two decades of academic leadership and teaching experience. A marketing scholar with a PhD in Marketing from the University of South Australia and master's degrees in Marketing and Economics, he combines rigorous academic scholarship with applied research to drive learning innovation and transformative educational progress. Prof. Pare has extensive experience in marketing education and curriculum development, championing innovative teaching practices that empower learners and shape future-ready graduates. His deep understanding of the global higher education landscape informs strategic initiatives that foster international collaboration and institutional advancement. His scholarly contributions include numerous publications in leading international marketing journals, reflecting his commitment to bridging academic scholarship with real-world relevance.

THE UNIVERSITY PERSPECTIVE



Prof. C. M. Thyagaraja

The Vice-Chancellor
Rani Channamma University, Belagavi

Prof. C. M. Thyagaraja is an accomplished academician with over three decades of teaching, research, and academic leadership experience, and is presently serving as the Vice Chancellor of Rani Channamma University, Belagavi. He has held several distinguished roles including Registrar of Bangalore Central University, Registrar (Evaluation), Director – School of Business & Economics, and Founder Chairman of the Department of Business Administration at RCU. A scholar with 13 books, 58+ research publications, and multiple international conference presentations, he has guided several Ph.D. scholars and led UGC-funded projects. Known for his impactful workshops and motivational sessions, Prof. Thyagaraja is widely respected for his contributions to leadership development, youth empowerment, and institutional growth.

THE INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE



Mr. Kapil Mahajan

Senior Vice President &
Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO)
Aequus Limited, Belagavi

Mr. Kapil Mahajan is the Senior Vice President & CHRO at Aequus Limited, leading strategic talent transformation and organizational capability building. With over 20 years of diverse leadership experience across Pfizer, Tata Docomo, Aditya Birla Group, Reliance and TATA Advanced Systems, he has shaped people strategy across multiple industries. An XLRI-trained HR leader and certified coach, he has conducted 20+ senior-leadership coaching assignments with proven impact. He is widely recognized for his strengths in behavioural change, leadership development, talent management and building high-performance, value-driven cultures.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

KLS IMER (Karnatak Law Society's Institute of Management Education and Research) is a management institute in Belagavi, Karnataka, established in 1991. It is an autonomous institution affiliated with Rani Channamma University that offers a 2-year full-time MBA program, is recognized by AICTE, and is known for its practical teaching methods, strong industry connections, and focus on research. The institute has received several recognitions, including NAAC "A" grade accreditation and ratings from publications like Business India and Competition Success Review.

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

The Delegate Registration fee : Rs 900/- (Inclusive of GST)
(Includes Program Kit, Breakfast, and Lunch)
Registration Link :
<https://forms.gle/j7CWAb9kWReJcpGh7>
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BANK DETAILS & QR CODE

Beneficiary Name	Director, KLS IMER Belagavi
Account Number	5201 0121 0326 847
Bank	Union Bank of India
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TRAVEL & CONNECTIVITY

- Belagavi Airport (IXG) – 17 Kms
- Hubballi Airport (HBX) – 92 Kms
- Goa Airports
Dabolim (GOI) – 122 Kms
Mopa (GOX) – 116 Kms
- Kolhapur Airport (KLH) – 114 Kms
The city is well connected with Hyderabad, Pune, and Bangalore via trains and buses

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Goa (Panjim) – 140 Kms
- Dandeli (Wildlife Sanctuary) – 90 Kms
- Gokak Falls – 50 Kms
- Kolhapur (Mahalaxmi Temple) – 100 Kms

ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

- Hotel Ajanta
- Hotel Uday Bhavan
- Hotel Tree House Kambers
- Hotel Landmark by Pai
- Hotel Native by Heda
- Hotel Adarsha Palace