



Manoj Smriti

August 4



Prof. Manoj Kulshrestha
Memorial Lecture on
Innovation and Entrepreneurship

PROGRAMME

2:10 pm - 2:20 pm	Welcome of Dignitaries on the dais	
2:20 pm - 2:25 pm	Lighting of Lamp	
2:25 pm - 2:40 pm	Shri Ganesh Vandana and Maa Saraswati Vandana	Ms. Shilpika Juneja
2:40 pm - 3:00 pm	Speaker 1	Dr. R. Raghuttama Rao
3:00 pm - 3:20 pm	Speaker 2	Prof. Alok Kumar Das
3:20 pm - 3:40 pm	Speaker 3	Dr. Vikram A Munshi
3:40 pm - 4:00 pm	Speaker 4	Mr. Satendra Singh
4:00 pm - 4:20 pm	Speaker 5	Mr. Divyam Kashyap
4:20 pm - 4:35 pm	Question & Answer Session	
4:35 pm - 4:45 pm	Distribution of Memento to all Dignitaries on the dais	
4:45 pm - 4:55 pm	Video Essay: Contribution of Late Prof. Manoj Kulshrestha towards Innovation and Entrepreneurship	
4:55 pm - 5:10 pm	Tribute to Late Prof. Manoj Kulshrestha	
5:00 pm onwards	High Tea	

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

Dr. R. Raghuttama Rao – CEO, Gopalakrishnan-Deshpande Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (GDC), IIT Madras



Dr. R. Raghuttama Rao is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Gopalakrishnan-Deshpande Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (GDC) at IIT Madras. Dr. Raghu is also a Fellow at the School of Sustainability at IIT Madras. He holds a PhD in Economics (specialising in Climate Change, Sustainability, and ESG) from IIT Madras, an MBA from IIM Ahmedabad, and a Bachelor of Technology from IIT Madras. GDC collaborates with STEM universities nationwide to implement a *Lab to Market* mission and its programs (I-NCUBATE, I-DUCT, INSPIRE, and I-GNITE) have had a transformative impact on the startup ecosystem in over 100 universities across India.

Prof. Alok Kumar Das – Professor, Mechanical Engineering and Dean, Innovation & Corporate Relations, IIT (formerly ISM) Dhanbad



Prof. Alok Kumar Das is a Professor of Mechanical Engineering and currently serves as the Dean, Innovation and Corporate Relations at IIT (formerly ISM) Dhanbad. He is associated with research and leadership roles that connect advanced engineering, innovation, and entrepreneurship at the institute. His research interests span Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing (WAAM), unconventional machining, micro-machining, and laser processing of materials. Prof. Das has also led research projects in 3D printing, cold spray processing, vibration-assisted machining, hybrid micro-machining, and advanced aerospace material processing.

Dr. Vikram A Munshi – Founder and CEO, WhiteSpace Consulting & Capability Building



Dr. Vikram A Munshi is the Founder and CEO of WhiteSpace Consulting & Capability Building. Dr. Munshi is an avid reader. Dr. Munshi has authored a book on transformation titled *Find your Whitespace - My Proven Recipe to help Unlock your Potential*. In April 2024, Dr. Munshi was felicitated by the Economic Times with the Certificate of Excellence in the Field of Pharma & Healthcare consulting. He holds a Ph.D from BIT Mesra and an MBA from IISW&BM (Calcutta).

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Mr. Satendra Singh – Founder and CEO, Indigotex Private Limited



Mr. Satendra Singh is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indigotex Private Limited, an IIT Delhi-originated deep-tech textile startup. He conceived and developed the world's first indigo-dyed wool denim (INDIWOOL DENIM®) during his M.Tech in Textile Chemical Processing at IIT Delhi. Since beginning his research in 2021, he has led the journey from laboratory research to commercialization, building Indigotex from scratch into a technology-driven company developing sustainable wool textiles for global markets. At the Indigotex, Mr. Satendra has emerged as a first generation entrepreneur and possess expertise in product development, strategic collaborations, joint ventures, marketing and sales in international markets like Europe and North America.

Mr. Divyam Kashyap – Managing Director and Co-Founder, Trishul Space



Mr. Divyam Kashyap is the Managing Director and Co-Founder of Trishul Space. He is a B.Tech graduate in Aerospace, Aeronautical and Astronautical/Space Engineering from Chandigarh University. Trishul Space is a space startup building ready to integrate propulsion systems for next-generation launch vehicles. The company is focused on simplifying propulsion integration, increasing payload efficiency, and enabling faster, more scalable launch operations. The company is currently developing advanced cryogenic propulsion technologies and working with industry partners for manufacturing and commercialization.