

IISDR Skill Development Summit 2026 Equips Students with Digital Skills for Future Careers

Mangaluru, July 15, 2026: Manel Srinivas Nayak Institute of Management (MSNIM), in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Skill Development and Research (IISDR) and the Mangalore Management Association (MMA), successfully organized the **IISDR Skill Development Summit 2026** on the theme "**Digital Skills for Future Managers.**" The summit was conceived to complement classroom learning with industry exposure and career-oriented skill development, in line with IISDR's mission of bridging the gap between academic education and industry requirements through practical, industry-focused learning.



The inaugural programme commenced at 10:00 a.m. with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. The summit was inaugurated by **Shri. P.A. Jose, Retired General Manager (HR), MRPL, Mangaluru**. **Shri C. Munikrishna, Chief General Manager (HR), KIOCL, Mangaluru**, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while **Shri Pradeep D'Souza, District Skill Development Officer, Dakshina Kannada**, attended as the Guest of Honour. The programme was presided over by **Shri. K.V. Raghava Kamath, Former General Manager, Corporation Bank, Correspondent of Manel Srinivas Nayak Institute of Management, and Member of the Governing Council of Women's National Education Society.**



The programme was also graced by **Dr. Ronald Sequeira, Executive Director, IISDR, Dr. Steevan Pinto, Convenor, IISDR; and Shri Edward Coelho, President, Mangalore Management Association.** Distinguished advisors of IISDR, including **Dr. Laxmish Rai,**

Dr. Devaraj K., Shri P. Suresh, and Shri Jayaram, were also present, adding significance to the event. In his inaugural address, **Shri. P.A. Jose** urged students to use Artificial Intelligence as a learning companion rather than a substitute for their own thinking and effort. He encouraged students to combine AI with regular reading, critical questioning, and independent thinking to build strong knowledge, analytical abilities, and lifelong learning habits.

Delivering the Chief Guest's address, **Shri C. Munikrishna** highlighted the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in career development. He explained that AI enables students to identify skill gaps, receive recommendations for online courses and certifications, develop professional resumes, improve interview performance, and discover relevant employment opportunities. He advised students to use AI responsibly to confidently transition into emerging career roles.



Addressing the gathering as Guest of Honour, **Shri Pradeep D'Souza** emphasized the importance of developing practical and industry-relevant skills for national development. He encouraged students to participate in the prestigious **World Skills Competition** to demonstrate their talents on larger platforms. He further highlighted the need to pursue training in emerging technologies, AI tools, and other future-oriented skills to remain competitive in the evolving employment landscape.

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Digital Skills for Future Managers

July 15, 2026 | 10:00 A.M | Swarna Academy Hall, MSNIM, Bondel

Inaugurator Shri Shanmugan P Chief Manufacturing Officer Paradeep Phosphates Limited, Mangaluru	Chief Guest Shri C. Munikrishna Chief General Manager (HR) KIOCL Mangaluru	Guest of Honour Shri Pradeep D'Souza District Skill Development Officer Dakshina Kannada Mangaluru	President Shri K V Raghava Kamath Correspondent MSNIM Mangaluru
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Keynote Speaker
Shri Rohith Castelino
HR Leader
Elsevier India Tech hubs

Speakers
Shri Raghu Anand
Global Head of Technology and L&D
EGDK India, Mangaluru
Shri Vedanth K
Senior Software Engineer
Novigo Solutions Pvt Ltd.

All are welcome

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Empowering Future Leaders through Digital Skills, Innovation & Industry Collaboration

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Data Analytics & Business Intelligence
Digital Marketing & Personal Branding
Cybersecurity, Ethics & Digital Leadership
HR Technology & Future of Work

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In his presidential remarks, **Shri. K.V. Raghava Kamath** conducted a live demonstration illustrating how Artificial Intelligence can assist in analysing legal issues by identifying relevant laws, summarising case precedents, and suggesting possible solutions. He explained that AI significantly improves research efficiency and decision-making but stressed that human judgment and ethical responsibility remain irreplaceable. He encouraged students to verify AI-generated information before relying on it and to use technology ethically and responsibly.



The keynote address was delivered by **Shri Rohith Castelino, HR Leader, Elsevier India Tech Hubs**, who emphasized the importance of maintaining a complete and professional LinkedIn profile for networking and career advancement. He introduced students to several free AI platforms that facilitate collaboration, GPT creation, and application development, motivating them to continuously explore emerging digital technologies to strengthen their professional competencies.

The technical sessions featured **Shri Raghu Anand, Global Head of Technology and Learning & Development, EGDK India, Mangaluru**, and **Shri Vedanth K., Senior Software Engineer, Novigo Solutions Pvt. Ltd.**, who shared practical insights into digital transformation, emerging technologies, artificial intelligence, workplace readiness, and the competencies expected from future managers in the digital era.

The programme was efficiently coordinated by the faculty members of MSNIM. **Ms. Manasa**, Assistant Professor, served as the Master of Ceremonies. The welcome address and introduction of the inaugurator were delivered by **Mrs. Sathvika Shetty**, Assistant Professor (Senior Scale). **Ms. Divya** introduced the Chief Guest, while **Mrs. Arpita Devadiga** introduced the Guest of Honour and later proposed the vote of thanks. **Mr. Suresh Rao Pejavar** introduced the President of the programme. **Shri. Sanath Bhandarkar** introduced the keynote speaker, and **Mrs. Nanditha Sunil** introduced the technical speakers.

The summit witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, academicians, HR professionals, and industry representatives. Participants appreciated the practical orientation of the sessions and the valuable insights shared by industry leaders on Artificial Intelligence, digital technologies, employability skills, and future career opportunities. The summit reaffirmed IISDR's commitment to promoting industry-academia collaboration and empowering young professionals with the digital competencies required for the workforce of tomorrow.