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Bridging Academia & Industry for the Next Generation Workforce

EVENT REPORT



DATE
30 May 2026



VENUE
New Horizon College of
Engineering, Bengaluru



1000+
STUDENTS



13
INDUSTRY
LEADERS



4
SPECIALIZED
SESSIONS

ACADEMIC YEAR
2025 – 2026



CONNECT



DISCOVER



COLLABORATE

EVENT OVERVIEW

About the Initiative

Global Industry Connect 2026 was organized by the Career Development Centre (CDC), New Horizon College of Engineering, as a flagship industry engagement initiative. The programme brought together professionals from leading organizations across technology, semiconductor, manufacturing, consulting, and business sectors to provide students with insights into industry practices, emerging trends, and career opportunities.

Objectives

- To strengthen industry–academia collaboration.
- To provide students with exposure to contemporary industry practices.
- To facilitate interaction with experienced professionals from diverse sectors.
- To enhance awareness of emerging technologies and career opportunities.
- To support informed career planning and professional development.

Event Highlights

- **1000+** Student Participants
- **13** Industry Leaders
- **4** Specialized Technical Sessions
- **1** Inaugural Keynote Session
- **Departments Benefited:** CSE, ISE, AIML, CSDS, MCA, M.Tech, MBA, ECE, EEE, ME



Academic Leaders and Students present in the event

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

The programme commenced with a formal inaugural ceremony held at the Auditorium of New Horizon College of Engineering. The event was graced by **Mr. Vinayak P. Hegde, Vice President and Head – Mysuru Development Centre, Infosys**, as the Chief Guest.

The inaugural ceremony was conducted in the presence of **Mr. Dharmesh Manghnani, President – New Horizon Educational Institution; Dr. Manjunatha B., Principal, New Horizon College of Engineering; Mr. Pradeep Kote, Senior Director – Career Development Centre; and Dr. Sivakumar Raju, Director – Career Development Centre** followed by felicitation of all the industry leaders.

The programme began with the rendition of *Vande Mataram*, followed by the traditional lamp-lighting ceremony and invocation. The gathering was formally welcomed by the organizing team, after which Dr. Manjunatha B., Principal, addressed the students and emphasized the importance of industry engagement, continuous learning, and professional development.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Vinayak P. Hegde, delivered the inaugural address and encouraged students to strengthen their technical competencies, embrace lifelong learning, and remain adaptable to evolving industry requirements. The session concluded with a vote of thanks and the National Anthem.



Chief Guest (Vinayak P Hegde) - Lighting the Lamp



Felicitation of Chief Guest - Vinayak P Hegde

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

*Topic: **Bridging Academia & Global Industry for the Next Generation Workforce***

The keynote address was delivered by **Mr. Vinayak P. Hegde, Vice President & Delivery Head – IQE and Head – Mysuru Development Centre, Infosys**. The session focused on preparing students for the evolving demands of the global workforce and highlighted the importance of aligning academic learning with industry expectations.

The speaker emphasized that technical expertise alone is insufficient for long-term success and encouraged students to continuously enhance their knowledge, develop problem-solving abilities, and cultivate adaptability in an increasingly technology-driven environment. He highlighted the growing significance of emerging technologies and stressed the need for continuous upskilling to remain relevant in a rapidly changing professional landscape.

Mr. Hegde also underscored the importance of industry readiness and employability by encouraging students to actively participate in experiential learning opportunities, industry interactions, internships, and skill-development initiatives. He concluded his address by sharing the **Three Ps of Success – Perseverance, Practice, and Performance**, emphasizing that these principles are essential for both personal growth and professional excellence.

Key Takeaways

- Industry readiness and employability
- Continuous learning and upskilling
- Emerging technology opportunities
- Adaptability and resilience
- Professional excellence and growth mindset
- The Three Ps of Success:
 - Perseverance
 - Practice
 - Performance



Keynote Address by the Chief Guest

PANEL DISCUSSION – IT SERVICES & PRODUCT COMPANIES

Venue: Auditorium

Participants: CSE, ISE, AIML, CDS, MCA and M.Tech Students

Theme: Careers in IT Services & Product Companies: Skills, Hiring Trends & Growth Paths

The discussion provided participants with a practical understanding of recruitment practices, emerging technology domains, and professional competencies expected by employers. Experts shared perspectives on hiring trends, AI-enabled recruitment processes, project-based learning, and career progression within technology organizations.

Key Discussion Areas

- Recruitment and hiring trends
- ATS-friendly resumes
- Emerging technology domains
- Product and service company career paths
- Continuous learning and adaptability

Key Learning Outcomes

- Understanding modern recruitment practices.
- Importance of project-based learning.
- Awareness of emerging technology careers.
- Development of professional competencies.
- Importance of continuous upskilling.



From Left to Right: Anis Sickandar, Avinash Raman, Esther Sujatha, Sachin Sabyasachi, Vanaja Nanjan

PANEL DISCUSSION – Career Opportunities in Finance, HR & Marketing

Venue: Manthan Seminar Hall

Participants: MBA Students

Theme: Future of Business Careers in a Digital-First Economy

The session highlighted the impact of digital transformation on contemporary business environments and future leadership roles. Discussions focused on technology-enabled decision-making, organizational agility, business innovation, and the evolving competencies required for management professionals.

Key Discussion Areas

- Digital transformation
- Business innovation
- Data-driven decision making
- Emerging management roles
- Future workforce readiness

Key Learning Outcomes

- Understanding digital business ecosystems.
- Awareness of emerging management opportunities.
- Importance of adaptability and leadership.
- Strategic use of technology in business.
- Relevance of continuous professional development.



From Left to Right: Sreekanth Elkuri, Simmy Peter, John Selvakumar C

EXPERT TALK – SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY

Venue: Falconry Seminar Hall

Participants: ECE and EEE Students

Theme: Semiconductor Industry and Emerging Opportunities in Bengaluru

The interaction offered an overview of semiconductor technologies, industry growth, and career pathways within the semiconductor ecosystem. Students were introduced to opportunities in VLSI design, embedded systems, hardware engineering, chip verification, and semiconductor manufacturing. The session also emphasized the importance of practical learning, industry exposure, career planning, and continuous skill development to succeed in this rapidly expanding sector.

Key Discussion Areas

- Applications of semiconductor technologies
- Career pathways in semiconductor organizations
- Academic–industry alignment
- Artificial Intelligence and future opportunities

Key Learning Outcomes

- Understanding of semiconductor technologies and applications.
- Awareness of emerging opportunities in the semiconductor sector.
- Knowledge of industry expectations and technical competencies.
- Importance of practical exposure and continuous learning.
- Understanding the role of AI as an enabler of innovation.



In the picture: Shaik Aleem Ur Rehman & Bryan Cisarrio

EXPERT TALK – MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Venue: Tejas Seminar Hall

Participants: ME Students

Theme: Opportunities in Core Engineering and Manufacturing Sector

The expert talk emphasized the evolving role of mechanical engineers in digitally enabled industrial environments. Students were introduced to advancements in simulation technologies, product lifecycle management, advanced manufacturing, and AI-enabled engineering applications. The session also highlighted opportunities across manufacturing, energy, aerospace, and core engineering sectors.

Key Discussion Areas

- Manufacturing Innovation
- Product lifecycle management
- CAD and simulation technologies
- AI-enabled engineering applications
- Opportunities in core sectors

Key Learning Outcomes

- Awareness of emerging technologies in manufacturing.
- Appreciation of AI-enabled engineering practices.
- Knowledge of career opportunities in core industries.
- Importance of continuous technical upskilling.



In the picture: Diwakar A & Rahul Dixit

INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION

INDUSTRY LEADER	ORGANIZATION	DOMAIN
Vinayak P Hegde	Infosys	Information Technology
Sachin Sabyasachi	Dell Technologies	Product Engineering
Anis Sickandar	UST	IT Services
Avinash Raman	SAP	Enterprise Solutions
Vanaja Nanjan	CGI	IT Consulting
Esther Sujatha	Unisys	Digital Transformation
John Selvakumar C	Motorola Solutions	Communication Technologies
Sreekanth Elkuri	Accenture	Strategy & Consulting
Shaik Aleem Ur Rehaman	Microsoft	Semiconductor Technology
Bryan Cisarrio	SanDisk	Semiconductor Industry
Simmy Peter	Crum & Forster	Hiring Strategies
Rahul Dixit	Quest Global	Engineering Services
Diwakar A	Dassault Systèmes	Manufacturing Technology

EVENT OUTCOMES

The initiative enabled students to:

- Gain exposure to contemporary industry practices.
- Understand sector-specific career pathways.
- Develop awareness of emerging technologies and market trends.
- Strengthen professional and employability skills.
- Explore multidisciplinary opportunities across industries.
- Enhance career planning and decision-making abilities.
- Connect academic concepts with real-world applications.

Institutional Impact

Global Industry Connect 2026 reinforced the institution's commitment towards fostering meaningful industry partnerships and creating platforms for experiential learning. The initiative facilitated constructive engagement between students and professionals while supporting the institution's efforts to enhance graduate preparedness and career development.

FEEDBACK AND OBSERVATIONS

Student feedback indicated that the programme was highly informative, interactive, and relevant to current industry requirements. Participants appreciated the opportunity to engage directly with experienced professionals and gain exposure to diverse career pathways and professional perspectives.

CONCLUSION

Global Industry Connect 2026 successfully brought together academia and industry on a common platform dedicated to student development and professional growth. Through keynote addresses, panel discussions, and expert talks conducted across multiple disciplines, the programme enabled participants to gain meaningful insights into contemporary industry practices, technological advancements, and future career opportunities.

The initiative reflects New Horizon College of Engineering's continued commitment towards experiential learning, industry engagement, and holistic student development.



Industry Leaders at Global Industry Connect 2026



CDC Team