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## EVENT OVERVIEW

MIT INDIA presents the Industry-Institute-Future Summit (IFS) 2026 a flagship gathering that brings together visionary CHRO, startups and founders, leading investors, CXOs, academic minds, and student innovators on a single platform.

The event is structured around four flagship verticals, each designed to spark a different kind of conversation from grassroots student innovation to high-stakes investor pitching, and from thought-leadership panels to closed-door strategy round tables.

## OBJECTIVES

- Foster meaningful collaboration between industry, academia, and the startup ecosystem.
- Create a high-quality deal-flow opportunity for investors and a credible visibility platform for startups.
- Enable students to solve real-world industry problem statements through the hackathon.
- Generate sharp, actionable insights via curated panels and closed-door round tables.



*On-campus Hackathon — ideation, build, and evaluation.*

## About

The MIT INDIA Hackathon is a campus-wide innovation challenge that brings together 40 teams from across MIT INDIA institutions to solve real-world problem statements provided by leading industry partners. Conducted in a single high-intensity day, the Hackathon culminates in an exhibition of the top 20 shortlisted projects, judged by visiting CHROs and technical experts.

## Key Highlights

**Format:** On-campus, **single-day** Hackathon followed by an exhibition of shortlisted teams.

**Participation:** 40 teams from MIT INDIA colleges

**Team Size:** Up to 6 members per team.

**Problem Statements:** Curated by HR leaders and Technical experts from leading MNCs, shared with teams on 22nd May.

**Evaluation:** Each team will be evaluated by panel of Industry professionals

**Selection:** Top 20 teams will be shortlisted for exhibition cum competition

**Showcase:** Shortlisted teams will present their solutions to all the participants attending the event, to showcase the concept of **Project Based Learning Approach**.

## Schedule

DATE	ACTIVITY
22 May 2026	Problem statements released to all participating teams.
22 - 23 May 2026	On-campus Hackathon — ideation, build, and evaluation.
20 June 2026	Top 20 teams exhibit to visiting CHROs and industry leaders.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Open to all enrolled students from all the units of MIT INDIA
- Open to Pre-Final Year students

## WHY IT MATTERS

- Direct exposure for students to industry problem-solving and Industry-oriented assessment.
- A strong recruitment and internship pipeline for participating companies.
- Showcases MIT INDIA's innovation culture to the wider ecosystem.

*Where Startups Meet the Right Capital.*

## About

The Investor Arena is the centerpiece pitching platform of MIT INDIA IFS 2026. It is designed as a stage-aligned investor matchmaking environment, where founders & startups across maturity levels — from ideation to scale — pitch to a curated pool of investors mapped to their specific stage.

Founders connect directly with investors who align with their stage and vision, creating focused, high-value conversations with stronger potential for meaningful follow-through.

## Stage-Based Investor Mapping

Pre-Seed / Ideation Stage	Startups at the idea stage are supported by incubators, accelerators, and angel investors who provide early funding, mentorship, and guidance to shape business ideas into workable models.
Seed / Early Stage	At the early growth stage, angel networks, micro-VCs, and crowdfunding platforms help startups build products, expand reach, and gain market traction.
Series A / B – Growth Stage	Venture capital firms and corporate investors support scalable startups by funding business expansion, technology development, and team growth.
Late / Growth Stage	Private equity firms and institutional investors invest in established, revenue-generating businesses to support large-scale growth and long-term expansion.

## Format

- Curated pitch slots for shortlisted founders & startups.
- Closed-door investor meetings post-pitch for serious follow-ups.
- On-stage and lounge interactions designed for relationship-building, not just transactions.

## Who Should Apply

- Founders & startups across any stage — ideation, seed, growth, or mature.
- Founders & startups with a clear value proposition and a defined ask (capital, partnerships, or scale support).
- Both tech and non-tech ventures across sectors.

## Application Process

Interested founders & startups can apply through the registration link on the MIT INDIA IFS event website. The application captures key parameters including stage, sector, traction, team, ask, and a pitch deck.

- Registration via Google Form linked from the website.
- Pitch deck submission required.
- Shortlisting subject to internal review by the MIT INDIA team.
- Confirmation communicated to selected founders & startups via email.

## Why It Matters

### For Founders & Startups

- Direct, high-quality access to the right investors for their stage.
- Visibility on a credible institutional platform.
- Opportunity to convert conversations into meaningful follow-ups.

### For Investors

- Pre-curated, stage-relevant deal flow.
- Direct access to founders & startups without the noise of a generic pitch event.
- Cross-sector visibility and ecosystem positioning.

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# Panel Discussion

*Where Industry, Academia, and Innovation Speak in One Voice.*

## About

The Panel Discussions at MIT INDIA IFS 2026 bring together the sharpest voices from industry, academia, and the founders & startup world to debate the trends and turning points shaping our times. Each panel is moderated by a domain leader and features 6 - 7 panelists chosen for the depth and diversity of their perspective.

## Format

- **Number of Panels:** 2 curated panel discussions.
- **Duration:** Approximately 45-50 minutes per panel, including audience Q&A.
- **Audience:** Founders & startups, investors, industry leaders, faculty and select student delegates.
- **Moderation:** Each panel moderated by an experienced industry or thought leader.

## Panel Themes

Final topics, moderators, and panelists will be announced soon. Indicative themes under consideration include:

- The Future of Industry-Academia Collaboration in India.
- Talent, Skills, and the AI-First Workplace.

## Why Attend

- Direct access to seasoned industry leaders and decision-makers.
- High-signal conversations that go beyond surface-level commentary.
- Networking opportunities with fellow attendees, panelists, and moderators.

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# Round Table

*Closed-Door Conversations. Open-Ended Outcomes.*

## About

The MIT INDIA IFS Round Tables are intimate, invitation-only sessions designed to foster candid, strategic dialogue among a small group of CXOs, Senior Leaders, HR Leaders, Industry Experts and Founders of Startups. Unlike public panels, round tables operate under Chatham House norms — enabling participants to speak freely, share off-the-record insights, and explore ideas without the pressure of a stage.

## Format

- **Number of Round Tables:** 3 curated sessions.
- **Participants per Round Table:** 10–15 invited delegates.
- **Duration:** Approximately 40–45 minutes per session.
- **Style:** Closed-door, moderator-led, Chatham House-style discussion.

## Who Will Be in the Room

- Startups, founders and CEOs of high-growth startups.
- Senior investors — angels, VCs, and PE leaders.
- CHROs, CXOs and strategy heads.
- Senior faculty and academic leaders from MIT INDIA.

## Themes

The 3 round table themes, along with their moderators and key participants, will be announced soon. Each round table is being curated to address a distinct, high-priority intersection between industry, academia, and the founders & startup ecosystem.

## Why It Matters

- A rare opportunity to engage in unfiltered, peer-level conversation with senior counterparts.
- Outcomes often translate into partnerships, joint initiatives, or follow-on collaborations.
- Position your organization within a small, influential cohort shaping the conversation.

# Awards & Recognition



Mumbai **HR Leadership** Awards

**Jury Based** Assessment Approach

**25-30** HR Awards Categories

10-15 Jury Members - **CHROs HR Heads TA Heads**

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# Get Involved

Whether you are a founder ready to pitch, an investor scouting your next bet, an industry leader keen to share your perspective, or a student set to solve a real-world problem — MIT INDIA IFS 2026 has a track designed for you.

Visit the MIT INDIA IFS event website to register for the track most relevant to you. Each segment has its own dedicated registration flow, with confirmation issued post-internal review.

## Organizing Body

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