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Report on International Conference on "Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Deeptech Startups: Role of Entrepreneurial Universities"

Date: May 20–22, 2026	**Venue: Bengaluru and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru**
	Co-hosted by: Centre for Research and Consultancy, RV Institute of Management (RVIM), Bengaluru and Indian Institute of Science **Resource Persons : Dr. Sujai Shivakumar**

Overview:

RV Institute of Management (RVIM), in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science and the University of Adelaide, co-hosted the International Conference on **"Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Deeptech Startups: Role of Entrepreneurial Universities"** from 20–22 May 2026. The conference served as a platform for academicians, researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs, startup founders, and industry experts to deliberate on the role of entrepreneurial universities in fostering innovation, technology commercialization, and Deeptech startup ecosystems.

The conference featured keynote addresses, technical sessions, panel discussions, research presentations, and networking opportunities. The keynote session delivered by Dr. Sujai Shivakumar highlighted the importance of innovation-driven entrepreneurship, research commercialization, and university-industry-government collaboration in building sustainable Deeptech ventures and strengthening the knowledge economy.

Objectives:

- To understand the role of entrepreneurial universities in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship.
- To explore opportunities and challenges in the Deeptech startup ecosystem.
- To encourage collaboration among academia, industry, government, and startup communities.
- To examine best practices in technology transfer and commercialization.
- To foster research-led entrepreneurship and innovation among students and faculty members.

Agenda / Event Flow

- Inaugural session and welcome address by the host institutions.
- Keynote address by Dr. Sujai Shivakumar on innovation ecosystems and entrepreneurial universities.
- Technical sessions focusing on Deeptech innovation, startup incubation, and technology commercialization.
- Panel discussions involving entrepreneurs, academicians, policymakers, and industry leaders.
- Presentation of research papers and case studies related to entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Networking and collaborative discussions among participants.
- Valedictory session highlighting key outcomes and future directions.

Key Takeaways from the Session

- Enhanced understanding of the role of entrepreneurial universities in nurturing Deeptech startups.
- Gained insights into innovation ecosystems, startup incubation, and technology transfer mechanisms.
- Learned about successful models of university-industry collaboration and entrepreneurship support systems.
- Explored emerging trends in Deeptech innovation and commercialization.
- Identified opportunities for research collaborations and entrepreneurial initiatives within higher education institutions.

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No. of Participants : 500 & II Semester MBA Students
No. of Hours Handled: 18 Hours (Three-Day Conference)

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Resource Person Profile

Dr. Sujai J. Shivakumar is an internationally recognized economist, policy researcher, and innovation strategist who currently serves as Director and Senior Fellow of the Renewing American Innovation (RAI) Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), one of the world's leading public policy research organizations. He has more than two decades of experience in the areas of innovation policy, entrepreneurship, technology transfer, industrial development, and economic competitiveness.

Prior to joining CSIS, Dr. Shivakumar served as the Director of the Innovation Policy Forum at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, where he led major studies on advanced manufacturing, entrepreneurship, workforce development, innovation ecosystems, and technology commercialization. He has contributed significantly to shaping innovation and entrepreneurship policies through research, policy advisory work, and high-level stakeholder engagement.

Dr. Shivakumar holds a Ph.D. in Economics from George Mason University and has been associated with the renowned Ostrom Workshop at Indiana University as an Earhart Foundation Scholar. His scholarly work focuses on innovation systems, economic development, technology policy, entrepreneurship, and institutional economics.

A respected thought leader in innovation and entrepreneurship, Dr. Shivakumar has testified before committees of the United States Senate on issues related to innovation, manufacturing, and economic competitiveness. His analyses and commentaries have appeared in leading international publications, including the *Financial Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

He is the author of "The Constitution of Development" and co-author, with Nobel Laureate Elinor Ostrom, of "The Samaritan's Dilemma: The Political Economy of Development Aid." During his tenure with the National Academies, he contributed to more than fifty assessments of innovation and technology programs across the United States and other countries.

As a distinguished scholar and policy expert, Dr. Shivakumar continues to advance global discussions on innovation-driven growth, entrepreneurial universities, technology commercialization, and the development of sustainable startup ecosystems. His expertise provides valuable insights for academic institutions, policymakers, researchers, and entrepreneurs seeking to foster innovation and economic transformation.

