



25TH MMA ALL-INDIA MANAGEMENT STUDENTS' CONVENTION 2026

FUTURE-READY LEADERSHIP: REINVENTING MANAGEMENT FOR A CHANGING WORLD

FROM 9.30 AM TO 6.00 PM
MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2026
VALLUVAR KOTTAM AUDITORIUM, CHENNAI



ABOUT THE CONVENTION

FUTURE-READY LEADERSHIP: REINVENTING MANAGEMENT FOR A CHANGING WORLD

Leading Change. Inspiring Futures.

The world of management is being reshaped by technological advancement, economic volatility, changing workforce expectations, sustainability priorities and global uncertainty. Organisations can no longer depend solely on conventional leadership models; they need leaders who can anticipate change, respond with agility and lead with courage, empathy and purpose.

Against this backdrop, the MMA All India Management Students' Convention 2026, on the theme "Future-Ready Leadership: Reinventing Management for a Changing World," seeks to prepare MBA students and emerging management professionals to navigate the opportunities and challenges of a rapidly evolving business landscape.

The Convention aims to inspire young minds to manage disruption, build high-performing teams, embrace lifelong learning and contribute to organisations that are agile, inclusive, innovative and purpose-driven.

INAUGURAL SESSION

The Convention will commence with an inspiring Inaugural Session featuring distinguished leaders from industry, business and academia, followed by four special sessions.

SPECIAL SESSION 1 - FROM CAMPUS TO STARTUP: CHOOSING ENTREPRENEURSHIP AS A CAREER

Entrepreneurship is increasingly emerging as a compelling career choice for young management graduates who aspire not only to seek opportunities, but to create them. This session will expose students to the realities of the entrepreneurial journey - identifying opportunities, validating ideas, building teams, raising resources, navigating uncertainty, learning from setbacks and scaling with purpose.

Through conversations with successful startup founders, participants will gain practical insights into what it takes to move from an idea to a viable enterprise. The session will also encourage students to view entrepreneurship not merely as starting a business, but as a mindset of initiative, innovation, problem-solving, resilience and value creation.

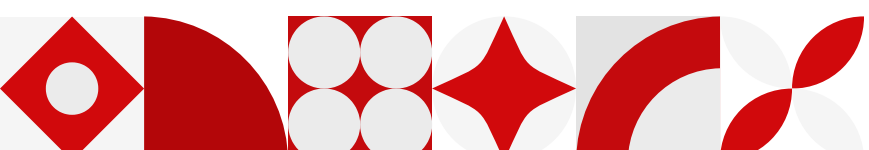
SPECIAL SESSION 2 - TRANSFORMING ORGANISATIONS IN AN AI WORLD

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly reshaping how organisations operate, compete and create value. From strategy and operations to customer engagement, supply chains and workforce development, AI is becoming a key driver of organisational transformation.

This session will explore how leaders can build agile, intelligent and future-ready organisations by integrating AI into business processes, redesigning operating models, enhancing productivity and preparing people to work effectively alongside emerging technologies.

The discussion will also focus on the leadership and cultural dimensions of transformation—balancing technology with human judgement, managing change, developing new capabilities and converting innovation into sustainable business outcomes.

Drawing on perspectives from manufacturing, mobility, consulting and global operations, the session will offer students practical insights into how AI is transforming organisations and the skills and mindset required to lead in a rapidly changing world.





SPECIAL SESSION 3 - FUTURE-READY CAREERS: REINVENTING SKILLS, EMPLOYABILITY AND LEADERSHIP PRESENCE

Digital technologies, automation, artificial intelligence and evolving business models are transforming the nature of work. Roles are changing, traditional career paths are being redefined and organisations increasingly seek professionals who can continuously learn, adapt and contribute from the outset.

For students moving from campus to the corporate world, technical and academic knowledge alone will not be sufficient. Future-ready professionals must combine digital awareness and emerging skills with strong communication, confidence, professional credibility, adaptability and leadership presence.

This session will explore how young professionals can prepare for the changing world of work, build relevant capabilities and create a distinctive professional identity. It will also examine human-machine collaboration, lifelong learning, personal branding, networking and career resilience.

SPECIAL SESSION 4 - ADAPTIVE LEADERSHIP: THRIVING AMID CHANGE AND UNCERTAINTY

In a world where disruption has become the new normal, leadership must be dynamic, responsive and resilient. Future leaders will increasingly be called upon to make decisions without having complete information, guide teams through uncertainty and continuously adapt strategies to changing circumstances.

This session will explore how leaders can remain composed during volatility, respond effectively to emerging challenges and convert uncertainty into opportunity. The speakers will share insights on strategic agility, resilience, continuous learning and the importance of developing an adaptive mindset.

VALEDICTORY SESSION

The Convention will conclude with a distinguished Valedictory Session that will bring together the key insights and leadership lessons emerging from the day's deliberations.

The winners of Chanakya – The Mastermind and the other management competitions organised as part of the Convention will also be recognised and honoured during the Valedictory Session.

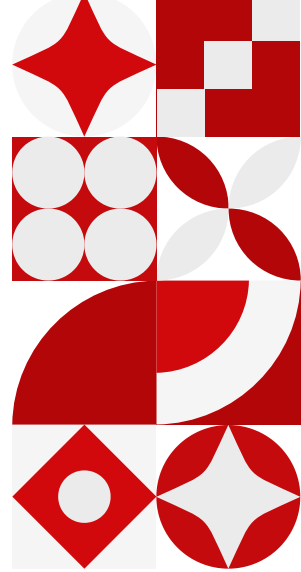
THE CONVENTION EXPERIENCE

The MMA All India Management Students' Convention 2026 is more than a platform for discussion - it is a powerful learning experience designed to prepare young management students for the realities of tomorrow's workplace.

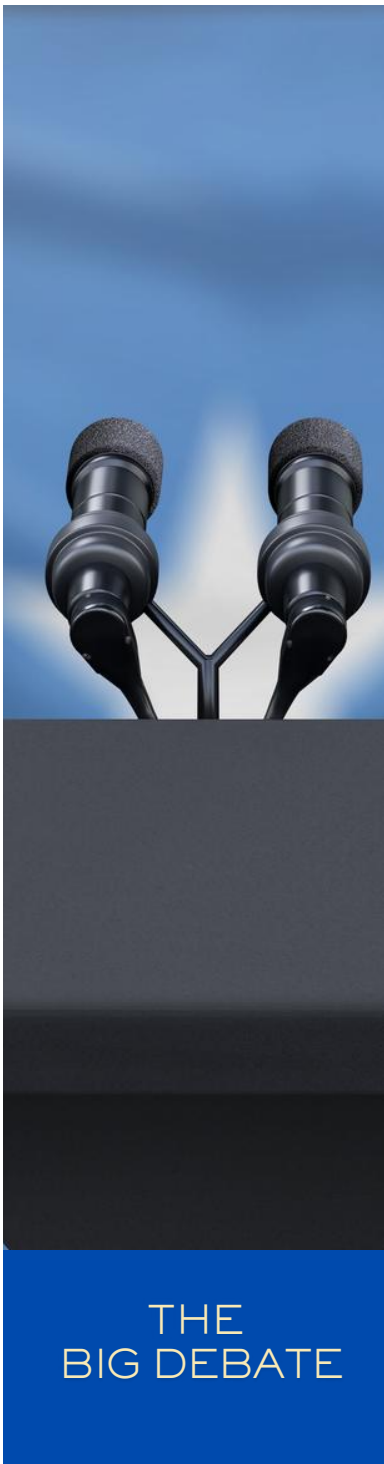
It is a must-attend opportunity for aspiring managers to broaden their perspectives, strengthen their confidence and prepare themselves to shape the future of business and society.

The leaders of tomorrow will not merely respond to change - they will anticipate it, influence it, and lead it with competence, character and purpose.

COMPETITIONS



PAPER
PRESENTATION
COMPETITION



THE
BIG DEBATE



BUSINESS
PLAN



MANAGEMENT
QUIZ



SCRABBLE

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THINK TANK: THE MASTER BRAIN MANAGEMENT QUIZ COMPETITION



A team comprises of two students from the same B School. Any number of teams can be nominated from the same B School.

The eligible teams will participate in the Quiz competition scheduled on **Tuesday, 6th October 2026**. The Preliminary Round will be in the form of written quiz to be answered as a team on the answer template provided. The results of the Preliminary Round will be announced on the same day and the Top 6 Teams will be selected for the On-Stage Grand Finals to be held on the same day at MMA Management Center, Chennai.

The Grand Finals will consist of different rounds of quizzing and the rules of the same will be announced prior to the competition.

Last date for Registration: **Friday, 25th September 2026**.

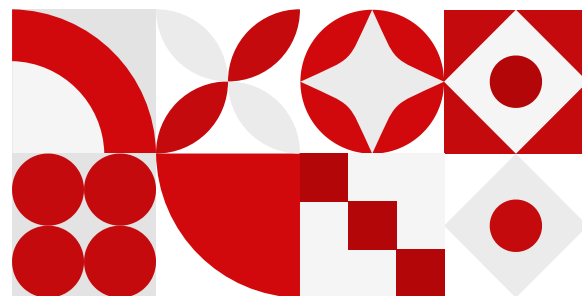
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BIG DEBATE



A Debate is always provocative. A heated debate is all the more so. The objective of the debate is to enable students to showcase their communication and logical reasoning skills. The ABC of Communication, Accuracy, Brevity, Clarity will all be exhibited before the audience.

Teams will be called for a debate on the topic “**For the workforce of tomorrow, purpose and flexibility will matter more than pay and job security.**” at MMA Management Center, Chennai on **Wednesday, 7th October 2026**.

A team comprising of 2 students from each institute with one speaking **For** and one **Against** the proposition may be nominated. Any number of teams can be nominated from the same B-School.

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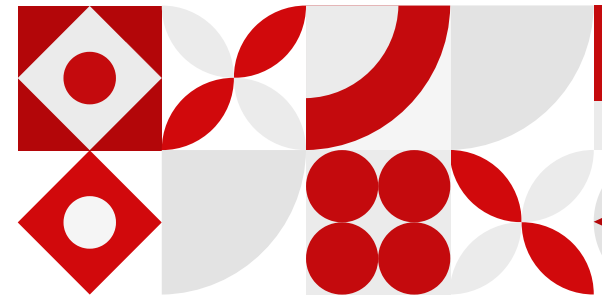
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PAPER PRESENTATION COMPETITION



Each team comprising two student members will be invited to make a presentation on the theme of the convention '**Future-Ready Leadership: Reinventing Management for a Changing World**'. The team should submit an e-copy of the written presentation in advance as per following instructions:

Written presentation should not exceed 1500 words.

The cover page must clearly specify the following:

- Title of the paper
- Team members' Name
- Year of study
- Name of the Institute & address
- Personal email ID of both participants
- Contact numbers of both participants

The format and sequence of written presentation is as follows:

- Introduction
- Your views on the topic with examples, case studies, research findings and illustrations as necessary
- Conclusion
- A bibliography (references) must be attached with the paper wherever applicable

E-copy of the paper must be mailed to mma@mmachennai.org on or before **Friday, 25th September 2026**

On submission of written presentation by the due date, the teams will be invited to make an oral presentation at the MMA Management Center, Chennai, on **Thursday, 8th October 2026** before a panel of Judges.

Note: *The winning team will be selected based on overall performance in written and oral presentation.*

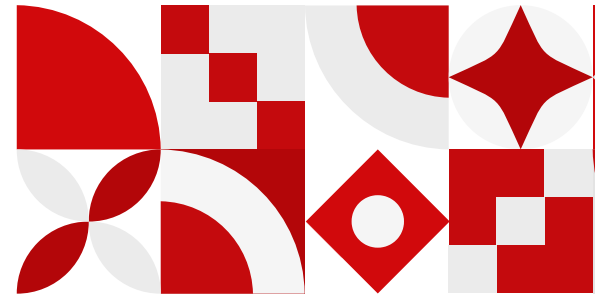
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BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION



Each team comprising two student members will be invited to make a presentation on a commercially viable business idea about any industry/service of their choice. The team should submit an e-copy of the business proposal in advance as per following instructions:

- Business proposal should not exceed 1500 words.
- The cover page must clearly specify the following:
 - a. Title of the paper
 - b. Team members' Name
 - c. Year of study
 - d. Name of the Institute & address
 - e. Personal email ID of both participants
 - f. Contact numbers of both participants

The format and sequence of Business proposal is as follows:

- a. Executive Summary not exceeding 100 words
- b. Introduction, Mission, Business Structure, Strategy and Processes including product potential, technology availability, marketing strategy etc.
- c. Financial viability & ROI

E-copy of the business plan must be mailed to mma@mmachennai.org by **Friday, 25th September 2026**.

On submission of business proposal by the due date, teams will be invited to make an oral presentation of the Business Idea at the MMA Management Center, Chennai on **Friday, 9th October 2026**. The ideas presented will be evaluated by jury members and angel investors/venture capitalists.

Note: *The winning team will be selected based on overall performance in written and oral presentation.*

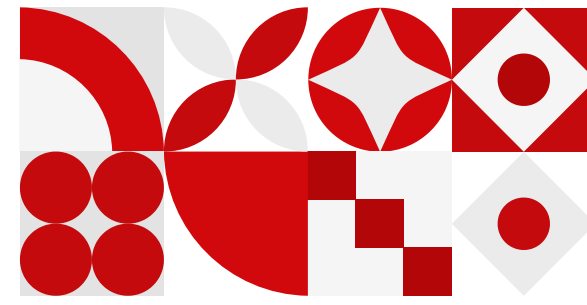
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SCRABBLE COMPETITION



The competition aims to enhance vocabulary, strategic thinking, and team collaboration among future managers.

A team comprising two students from the same or different institutions can participate. Any number of teams can be nominated from the same institution. Open to all students pursuing full-time graduate/postgraduate programmes from recognised institutions.

The registered teams will be invited to participate in the Scrabble Competition scheduled on **Thursday, 1st October 2026**, at MMA Management Centre, Chennai.

As a prelude to the main competition, MMA will organise a orientation session exclusively for the benefit of registered participants, to familiarise with the rules, and provide match exposure.

Details of the orientation session will be shared with registered teams well in advance of the main event.

FORMAT:

Matches will be played in accordance with standard Scrabble rules, using the Collins Scrabble Dictionary (CSW2024) for word validation.

A time limit per game will be enforced to ensure smooth conduct of the event.

The format may follow a knockout or league-cum-knockout structure based on the number of teams.

Use of mobile phones or electronic devices during the game is strictly prohibited. However, mobile phones can be used as timers

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Eligibility: Students pursuing two-years full-time post graduation programme in management (any discipline) from a recognized institutions/business school in India are eligible to participate.

Last date for registration: Saturday, 26th September 2026.

For registration login at www.chanakyathemastermind.in and apply online.

Details of the Contest

1. There would be 4 stages of selection as follows:
 - a. Registration, submission of brief presentation and online quiz
 - b. Telephonic interview
 - c. Pre-Finals at Chennai (one day prior to the convention)
 - d. Finals at Chennai, on stage during the convention
2. After online registration, submit a brief presentation about yourself, in approximately 500 words, on the theme “**Why I Am the Best Manager**”. This will be followed by ONLINE QUIZ.
3. The shortlisted students will be invited for telephonic interview. Based on the performance students qualified for Pre-final will be invited to MMA Management Center, Chennai on **Sunday, 11 October 2026**.
4. Designed to assess the participant’s Analytical, Decision Making and Innovation Skills, Pre-final includes:
 - Behavioral Assessment (psychometric)
 - Group Discussion
 - Communication and critical thinking (just-a-minute)
5. TEN students, who are short-listed from pre-final, will be eligible to participate in the finals on **Monday, 12 October 2026**.
6. The finals will be held on stage in front of over 1000 delegates attending the convention. The first round on stage will witness elimination of 5 students, leaving five in the fray for a Panel Interview on stage. The interview would include rapid fire round resulting in the selection and crowning of the winner as the MMA “**Chanakya - The Mastermind**” for the year 2026.

Note: Students qualified for pre-final are eligible to participate in the 25th MMA All-India Management Students’ Convention 2026 as special invitees.

Outstation candidates qualified for Pre-final will be provided accommodation. However travel arrangements should be made on their own.

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PRIZE

Prize	Paper presentation	Business Plan	Management Quiz	Debate	Scrabble
First	₹ 20,000	₹ 20,000	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000
Second	₹ 15,000	₹ 15,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 7,500	₹ 5,000
Third	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 5,000	₹ 5,000	₹ 3,000

COMPETITION REGISTRATION FEE

		Member	Non Member
For Each Competition (except Chanakya The Mastermind)	Per Team of two participants	₹ 2,600	₹ 3,500
The registration fee includes GST of 18%			

CONVENTION DELEGATE FEE

		Member	Non Member
Delegate Fee for Convention	Students	₹ 1,180	₹ 2,000
	Faculty	₹ 1,500	₹ 2,500
	Corporate	₹ 2,500	₹ 3,500

- The participation fee includes GST of 18%
 - Fee includes Convention lunch and Delegate Kit
 - Convention delegate fee is waived for teams participating in the Paper Presentation, Business Plan, Quiz, The Big Debate & Scrabble Competitions.
- Certificates will be given to all students participating in the paid competitions and delegates attending the Convention.

Modes of Payment:

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Credit Card/Debit Card / DD/Cheque drawn in favour of '**Madras Management Association**' payable at Chennai.

- Please share the screen shot after making payment with name and mobile number to mma@mmachennai.org
- Nomination will only be confirmed on receipt of participation fee. The Fee paid is non-refundable. However participation by a substitute will be allowed.

For details please contact:

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MONDAY, 12th OCTOBER 2026 (9.30 AM TO 06.00 PM) |
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Inaugural Session

09.30 am	Invocation	Ms Padmaja
09.35 am	Welcome Address	Mr A R Unnikrishnan President, MMA & MD, Saint-Gobain India Pvt Ltd – Glass Business
09.40 am	Convention Design & Theme Overview	CA M P Vijay Kumar Convention Chairman & ED & Group CFO, Sify Technologies Ltd
09.45 am	Keynote Address	Ms Sai Sudha Chandrasekaran Alpha Alternatives & Former CEO, India Fintech Foundation
10.05 am	Launch of Special Issue - MMA Digital Business Mandate	By the dignitaries
10.10 am	Inaugural Address	Mr Mithun Sacheti Founder, CaratLane & Partner, Q Partners - Axana Estates
10.30 am	Vote of Thanks	Gp Capt R Vijayakumar (Retd), VSM Executive Director, MMA
10.35 am	End of Inaugural Session	
10.40 am	Special Session 1: From Campus to Startup: Choosing Entrepreneurship as a Career <u>Chairman:</u> Mr R Ramaraj Co-Founder and Former CEO Sify Technologies Ltd	Mr Srinath Ravichandran Co-Founder & CEO, Agnikul Cosmos Mr Anand Bharadwaj Co-Founder, Sweet Karam Coffee (SKC) Mr Dinesh Arjun Co-Founder & CEO, Raptee.HV
11.50 am	Special Session 2: Transforming Organisations in an AI world <u>Chairperson:</u> Ms Anita Ramachandran Founder Cerebrus Consultant & Advisor, Marsh	Mr Venkatamurugan N S National Head - Operations & Head - DTI (India) Saint-Gobain India Pvt Ltd - Glass Business Mr Srivats Ram Chairman & Managing Director, Wheels India Ltd Dr K Ganesh Partner & Global Lead-MSC Center of Competence McKinsey & Company Mr Anand Shankar Partner, Deloitte South Asia
01.00 pm	Lunch	

01.45 pm	Special Session 3: Future-Ready Careers: Reinventing Skills, Employability and Leadership Presence <i>Chairman:</i> Mr Aravind Srinivasaraghavan Senior Director - Consulting Marsh	Ms Kavita Kurup Chief People Officer, Cyient Ms Chandralekha Chaudhuri Head - HR, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd Mr Nitin Aggarwal Director of Engineering, MongoDB Mr Rajesh P Vice President - Human Resources CavinKare Pvt Ltd
02.45 pm	Special Session 4: Adaptive Leadership: Thriving in an AI world Amid Change and Uncertainty <i>Chairman:</i> Mr Emmanuel David MD, GridSynergies Pvt Ltd & Former Director, Tata Management Training Centre (TMTTC)	Mr Vivek Gambhir Venture Partner, Lightspeed India, Ex-CEO, boAt Lifestyle & Godrej Consumer Products Ltd
03.45 pm	Grand Finale - Chanakya-The Mastermind “The Best Management Student of the Year 2026” <i>Moderator:</i> Mr M S Jagan Management Consultant	<i>Chairman:</i> Mr Lakshminarayanan D Immediate Past President, MMA & Managing Director, Sundaram Home Finance Ltd <i>Members:</i> Ms Anita Ramachandran Founder Cerebrus Consultant & Advisor, Marsh Ms Savitha Kesav Jagadeesan Senior Resident Partner, Kochhar & Co Mr Dilip Krishna Edupreneur, Leadership Transformation Strategist, Founder & CEO-Carpe Diem India Mr Rajesh Mittal President and MD, Isuzu Motors India Pvt Ltd
05.15 pm	Valedictory Session & Awards Ceremony Welcome Address Valedictory Address by the Chief Guest Introduction of Awards Presentation of Awards: Winners of various Competitions and Chanakya the Mastermind Presentation of Mementos	Mr M P Surya Prakas Sr. Vice President, MMA Executive Director Pon Pure Chemicals India Pvt Ltd Mr Shyam Srinivasan Sr. Advisor & Operating Partner, TVS Capital Funds & Former MD, Federal Bank Gp Capt R Vijayakumar (Retd), VSM By the Chief Guest Mr Unnikrishnan A R CA M P Vijay Kumar
06.00 pm	Vote of Thanks	
06.05 pm	End of Convention	

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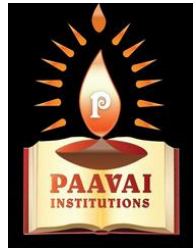
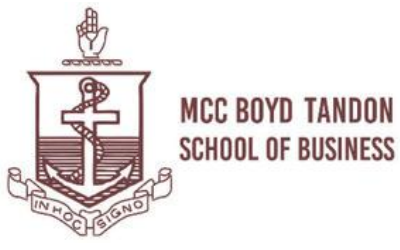
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