REIMAGINING EDUCATION & INNOVATION IN THE AGE OF AI

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MMA Management Center, Chennai



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Grammy Award Winner | Global Business Leader | Philanthropist in Higher Education

SYNOPSIS

Reimagining Education and Innovation in the Age of AI

An Exclusive Fireside Conversation with Ms Chandrika Krishnamurthy Tandon

Artificial Intelligence is transforming not just how we work and do business, but also how we learn, innovate and lead. As technology redefines industries and reshapes the future of work, a fundamental question emerges: How do we prepare the next generation to thrive in a world where human ingenuity and Artificial Intelligence must complement each other?

Madras Management Association brings together two distinguished thought leaders for an inspiring conversation on the future of education, innovation and leadership.

Ms Chandrika Krishnamurthy Tandon, Grammy Award-winning musician, accomplished global business leader and visionary philanthropist, brings a remarkable perspective shaped by her journey across business, education, creativity and social impact. Her commitment to strengthening educational institutions and nurturing future talent offers valuable insights into reimagining learning and unlocking human potential.

In conversation with **Dr R Raghuttama Rao**, CEO of the Gopalakrishnan-Deshpande Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (GDC), IIT Madras, an accomplished institution builder and strategic thought leader with extensive experience in business, public policy, innovation and entrepreneurship, the dialogue will explore how educational institutions, industry and entrepreneurs can collaborate to build future-ready talent, foster innovation and create meaningful opportunities in the age of AI.

The conversation will also reflect on the enduring importance of creativity, critical thinking, empathy, ethical leadership and lifelong learning in a rapidly changing world.

This is an exceptional opportunity for business leaders, entrepreneurs, educators and young professionals to gain fresh perspectives on shaping a future where technology drives progress, education empowers individuals and human values remain at the heart of innovation.

Program

5:15 PM

Registration & Hi-Tea

6:00 PM

Welcome Address

Mr Anuj Kumar
Member, MMA Managing Committee &
Managing Director
Computer Age Management Services Limited (CAMS)

Fireside Chat

Ms Chandrika Krishnamurthy Tandon
Grammy Award Winner | Global Business Leader|
Philanthropist in Higher Education

In conversation with

Dr R Raghuttama Rao
Past President MMA &
Chief Executive Officer, GDC, IIT Madras

Q&A

7:25 PM

Vote of Thanks

Gp Capt R Vijayakumar (Retd), VSM
Executive Director, Madras Management Association

7:30 PM

End of the program

Profile



Ms Chandrika Krishnamurthy Tandon

Grammy Award Winner | Global Business Leader| Philanthropist in Higher Education

Chair, NYU Tandon Board; ₹100 crore endowment for the Krishnamurthy Tandon School of AI, IIMA (inaugurated March 2026); IIMA PGP 1975.

A rare polymath bridging Wall Street boardrooms, transformative philanthropy, and classical music. An alumna of Madras Christian College and IIM Ahmedabad, **Chandrika Tandon** became the first Indian-American woman elected partner at **McKinsey & Co.** before founding **Tandon Capital Associates,** creating billions in value across global financial institutions.

A **Grammy Award-winning musician (Triveni, 2025),** she is a visionary patron of higher education – endowing the **NYU Tandon School of Engineering,** the **Krishnamurthy Tandon School of AI at IIMA**, and the **MCC Boyd Tandon School of Business** in Chennai.

Profile



Dr R Raghuttama Rao
Past President MMA &
Chief Executive Officer, GDC, IIT Madras

Dr. R. Raghuttama Rao is the Chief Executive Officer of the Gopalakrishnan-Deshpande Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (GDC) at IIT Madras. GDC is a philanthropic initiative that operates as a "Founders' Factory", nurturing entrepreneurs for India's deep-tech startup ecosystem.

Formerly the Chief Mentor of ICRA — a credit rating and research firm in South Asia, now a subsidiary of Moody's — Dr Rao held his last executive role as MD & CEO of IMaCS. He founded IMaCS as the consulting and analytics subsidiary of ICRA and grew its operating footprint to over 20 countries.

He was a part of ICRA's founding team in 1991 and rose to Joint Managing Director before setting up IMaCS in 2005. His consulting experience spans public policy, risk, strategy and capacity building. Earlier in his career, he worked with Larsen & Toubro and Maruti Suzuki.

Dr Rao has a PhD in Economics, an MBA from IIM Ahmedabad, and a B. Tech. from IIT Madras. He is a qualified management accountant and was a Fulbright scholar at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA.

Profile



Mr Anuj Kumar
Member, MMA Managing Committee &
Managing Director
Computer Age Management Services Limited (CAMS)

Mr Anuj Kumar is the Managing Director of Computer Age Management Services Limited (CAMS) based in Chennai, India, having held the role since July 2021.

Role & Leadership at CAMS

- Current Role: Managing Director (since July 2021)
- Previous CAMS Roles: President & CEO (July 2018 – July 2021), Deputy CEO (November 2017 – June 2018), and COO
- Strategic Focus: Expanding CAMS's B2B footprint across insurance, payments, and alternative sectors, pursuing inorganic growth/acquisitions, and driving AI/technology initiatives (such as CAMSAi).

Prior Career Experience

He brings over three decades of leadership experience across financial services, payments, and IT/BPO services:

- Concentrix & IBM India: General Manager
- IBM Daksh: Executive Vice President (EVP)
- ICICI Billjunction Payments: Zonal Business Head
- Escorts Finance: Business Head
- Blow Plast: Branch Manager
- Godrej & Boyce: Management Trainee

Education

- PGDM (Marketing & Finance): Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (IIM Calcutta), 1989–1991
- BE (Mechanical Engineering): Birla Institute of Technology, 1985–1989

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