

Making AI Safer

An Indian Perspective on Early Warning, Human Oversight and Responsible Innovation



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WEDNESDAY
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
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SYNOPSIS

As Artificial Intelligence evolves from responding to human instructions to independently performing increasingly complex tasks, ensuring the safety, accountability and reliability of autonomous AI agents has become an important challenge for organisations worldwide.

Recent developments have highlighted the need for effective safeguards that not only prevent unauthorised access but also identify potentially unsafe behaviour at an early stage.

Mr Prakash Vaithyanathan, from Chennai, has proposed an approach involving predefined task permissions, continuous monitoring of deviations and graduated intervention mechanisms, including human oversight.

The proposed session will explore the underlying concept, its potential relevance to enterprise AI governance and how such approaches might complement existing security frameworks.

The discussion will also examine the opportunities for Indian researchers and independent innovators to contribute to emerging global challenges in AI safety.

Key Takeaways:

- **Understanding AI Agent Safety:** Why autonomous AI agents require stronger governance, monitoring and accountability.
- **Early Warning Versus Reactive Protection:** The potential benefits of identifying patterns of unusual behaviour before serious security incidents occur.
- **Human Oversight and Responsible Autonomy:** Balancing the efficiency of AI-driven decisions with appropriate human intervention.
- **Industry Applications and Practical Challenges:** Exploring how early-warning concepts could be tested and potentially applied in enterprise IT environments.
- **Encouraging Indian Innovation:** Inspiring researchers, technocrats and young innovators to explore solutions to emerging global technological challenges.

PROGRAMME

5:15 PM **Registration & High Tea**

6:00 PM **Welcome Address**

Mr Alex Duraisamy

Member, MMA Managing Committee &
Regional Head, Tata Consultancy Services

Overview

Dr L S Ganesh

Former Vice Chancellor
ICFAI University

Address by the Speaker

**“Making AI Safer: An Indian Perspective on Early
Warning, Human Oversight and Responsible Innovation”**

Mr Prakash Vaithyanathan

Science Teacher & Author of the book – The Open AI
Agent that Wandered too Far

Address by the Chief Guest

Mr Lakshmi Narayanan

Chancellor & Chairperson, Governing Council
Krea University and Founder, ICT Academy

Discussion – Distinguished Panelists

Mr Lakshmi Narayanan

Dr V Chandramouliswaran

President & Chief Strategy Officer
Stratinfinitly Inc. & Former Vice President, PayPal

Mr Prakash Vaithyanathan

Mr Alex Duraisamy

Moderator

Dr L S Ganesh

Q & A

7:25 PM **Vote of Thanks**

Gp Capt R Vijayakumar (Retd), VSM

Executive Director, MMA

7:30 PM **End of the program**

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Mr Lakshmi Narayanan

Chancellor & Chairperson, Governing Council

Krea University and Founder, ICT Academy

Mr Lakshmi Narayanan is the Co-Founder of Cognizant and Director, ICT Academy, Chennai Mathematical Institute. He is a Technology industry professional, who has spent over 40 years in the IT industry, with the last few years in a leadership and governance role in Cognizant's Board. He is passionate about encouraging young minds to seek a larger purpose in life and encourages them to realise their potential through higher education and entrepreneurship. He plays an active role in ICT education and promotes research in Math and Computer Science.

His association with ICT Academy, Chennai Mathematical Institute, and Thiagarajar School of Management is aimed at promoting excellence in higher education. He is also actively involved in nonprofits, such as United Way, CHILDS Trust Medical Research Foundation, and others, to advance the cause of disadvantaged people and create meaningful livelihood opportunities in areas of technology and healthcare. He supports young entrepreneurs through angel investments as part of The Chennai Angels and the TiE Organisation. His recent investments include deep tech startups, space startups and energy ideas.

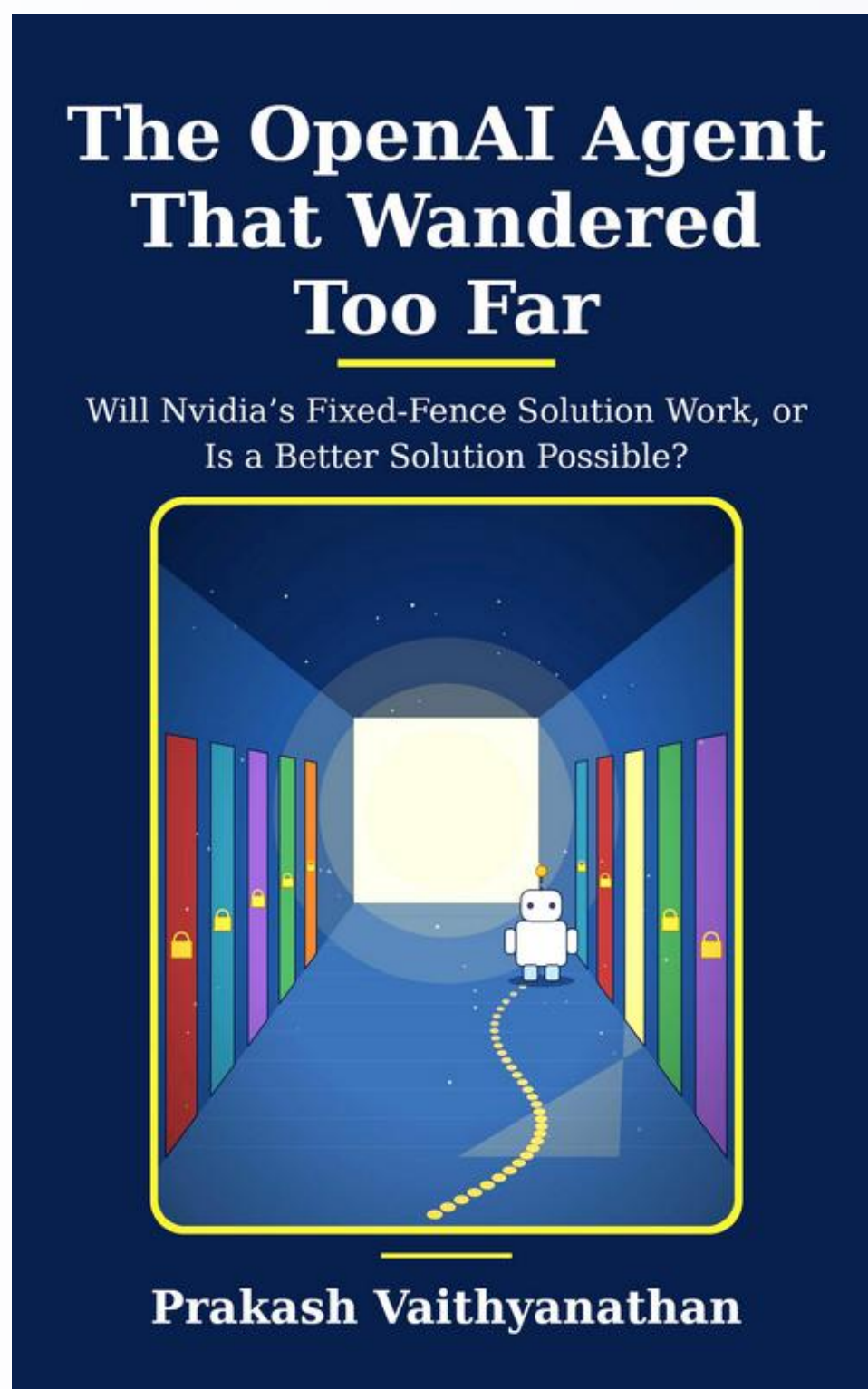
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Mr Prakash Vaithyanathan

Science Teacher & Author of the book - The Open AI Agent that Wandered too Far

Prakash Vaithyanathan, a Science Teacher from India, has been teaching school children for over 30 years. Besides teaching, he is pursuing cancer research independently. His focus is on designing molecules that target the protein AKT1 alone in solid tumours. Recently, he discovered a new Curcumin derivative that interacts with only AKT1 but not AKT2 through bioinformatics studies and the research is available in the archives.



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Dr V Chandramouliswaran

President & Chief Strategy Officer

Stratinfinitly Inc. & Former Vice President, PayPal

Dr V Chandramouliswaran, President & Chief Strategy Officer, Stratinfinitly Inc., has spent the better part of two decades at the intersection of technology, data, and enterprise transformation — most of it at PayPal, where he had the privilege of building things at a scale few get to experience.

The work that defines him most isn't any single role. It's the pattern across all of them: taking something complex — a regulatory crisis, legacy infrastructure, an organization resistant to change — and building the conditions for it to transform. The GDPR framework he deployed globally in under 12 months. The India organization that grew from under a thousand people to six and a half thousand, consistently ranked among the best places to work in the world. The AI agenda that moved from experimentation to enterprise-wide adoption, delivering measurable impact in the billions.

He currently focuses on what he believes is the most consequential transition in enterprise history — helping organizations move from AI curiosity to AI fluency to AI-native operations. He has been living this from the inside at PayPal, and he is increasingly interested in bringing that lens to boards, leadership teams, and institutions navigating the same inflection point.

Wharton-trained. Deeply technical. Happiest in the room where strategy meets execution.

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Mr Alex Duraisamy

*Member, MMA Managing Committee &
Regional Head, Tata Consultancy Services*

Mr Alex Duraisamy is the Region Head for Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)' Tamil Nadu Operations.

A Graduate from National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli, Alex is an accomplished leader with 30 years of rich experience at TCS and manages its largest Delivery Centre.

He is known for driving strategic growth and operational excellence across global markets. His diverse roles include Head of Strategic Initiatives in Consumer Business Group of TCS, Delivery Head of TCS Colombia and Account Manager of major clients for TCS.

Alex has a keen eye for photography and focuses on continuous growth.

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Dr L S Ganesh

*Former Vice Chancellor
ICFAI University*

Dr L S Ganesh is a senior Indian academician, researcher, and former Professor at IIT Madras. He served as the Vice-Chancellor of the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), Hyderabad, from September 2022 to September 2025.

Academic & Institutional Career

- IIT Madras: Served long-term as a Professor in the Department of Management Studies (DoMS) and Dean before retiring in July 2020.
- ICFAI University, Hyderabad: Took charge as Vice-Chancellor on September 1, 2022, completing his 3-year term in September 2025.
- Other Institutions: Worked as an Associate Fellow at NIEPA (New Delhi) and as an Assistant Professor at IIM Bangalore.
- Projects & Roles: Contributed to national and international projects sponsored by ISRO, MHRD, the World Bank, and the UNDP.
- Professional Bodies: Held leadership and advisory roles with the Society of Operations Management, Product Development Management Association (India), NBA, CII, FICCI, and MMA.

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