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**Report on participation in National Conference: “The Global Race for AI & Role of Higher Education Institutions for Making India a Global Player”** submitted by **Prof. Dr. A. Nagappan**, Registrar, Vinayaka Mission’s Research Foundation (Deemed to be University)

**Report on National Conference: “The Global Race for AI & Role of Higher Education Institutions for Making India a Global Player”**

**Date:** Friday, 4th April 2025

**Venue:** Hotel Radisson, Bhopal

**Organized by:** Education Promotion Society for India (EPSI)

**Guest of Honor:** Dr. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi

**Keynote Speaker:** Ms. Saba Karim, India Head – LinkedIn

## Overview

The National Conference on "The Global Race for AI & Role of Higher Education Institutions for Making India a Global Player" was a landmark event organized by the Education Promotion Society for India (EPSI) on 4th April 2025 at Hotel Radisson, Bhopal. The conference brought together a diverse group of participants, including Vice Chancellors, Registrars, Directors, Principals, Professors from various universities and institutions, industry experts, and startup ventures from across the nation.

## Key Highlights

### 1. Guest of Honor Address:

#### Emphasis on Continuous Learning and Upskilling

Dr. T.G.Sitharam, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi underscored the importance of continuous learning and upskilling, stating that these are essential for adapting to the rapid advancements in AI and technology. He encouraged educational institutions to integrate AI across various disciplines, not just in technical fields, to create a more holistic and future-ready learning ecosystem

- ### 2. Keynote Address:
- Ms. Saba Karim, India Head at LinkedIn, delivered a thought-provoking Keynote address on the future of work in the age of AI. Her insights were truly eye-opening: while AI is expected to displace 92 million jobs, it will simultaneously create 170 million new opportunities over the next five years. This shift will drive immense demand for professionals in areas such as Big Data, Fintech Engineering, AI/ML, and software development. Equally important is the need to develop people-centric skills like design thinking, analytics, problem solving, team management, and ethical communication. Ms. Karim also emphasized the power of



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professional networking—encouraging students and professionals alike to leverage platforms like LinkedIn to connect with the right people and stay ahead in their career journeys.

- 3. Participation** The conference saw active participation from a wide array of stakeholders in the education and industry sectors. This included Vice Chancellors, Registrars, Directors, Principals, and Professors from various universities and institutions, as well as industry experts and startup ventures from all over the country.
- 4. Book Relaunch** A significant highlight of the event was the relaunch of the book titled "The Road Ahead 2.0 - A Seminal Work on AI," authored by Dr. T.G. Sitharam and Prof. Yogi Kochhar, Founder of YOL Happiness Foundation. The book explores the transformative role of AI in education, research, and industry, and provides a roadmap for AI integration in various sectors

## Conclusion

The conference successfully highlighted the critical role of higher education institutions in making India a global player in the AI race. It provided a platform for meaningful dialogue and collaboration among academia, industry, and startups, fostering a collective effort towards embracing AI and its potential to drive innovation and progress.



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Registrar, VMRF(DU) Prof. Dr. A. Nagappan, along with **Dr. T.G.Sitharam**, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi



Registrar, VMRF(DU) Prof. Dr. A. Nagappan, along with **Mr. P. Palanivel**, Secretary General, EPSI (Left Side)



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