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It is my pleasure to note that IIT Kanpur, in partnership with HCLTech as the Principal Sponsor, is organizing the GCC Innovation Summit -GCC 4.0: Co-Creating India's Innovation Powerhouse Summit.

AI-powered automation, enabled by technologies such as machine learning, natural language processing, and predictive analytics, is driving profound transformation and accelerating innovation at unprecedented scale. At IIT Kanpur, we have extensive ongoing transnational research and technology development in DeepTech areas shaping the global innovation economy- cybersecurity, drones, artificial intelligence and intelligent systems, MedTech, sustainability, and quantum technologies. GCCs, with their access to global talent, proximity to emerging markets, and ability to scale experimentation, serve as innovation hubs that can advance deep-tech capabilities. Innovation Summits such as GCC 4.0 provide the ideal platform for converging academic talent, industrial expertise, and technology to co-create scalable solutions that address complex national and global challenges.

I extend my best wishes to the organizing team for the grand success of the summit.

Prof. Manindra Agrawal
IIT Kanpur, Director
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Dear Esteemed Guests,

The GCC Innovation Summit reflects the strength of the IIT Kanpur alumni community—supportive, active, and spread across every sector of influence.

With this vast network, the Association is uniquely positioned to bring together academia, startups, GCCs, and global institutions on one platform. This gathering is designed not just for dialogue but for action, where collaborations turn into lasting initiatives.

Through co-creation, we aim to amplify individual strengths into collective impact, shaping Bharat as a global hub of innovation.

Shree Rakesh Sharma
President, IIT Kanpur Alumni Association
Distinguished Services Awardee, IIT Kanpur

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Startup Master Class in Hyderabad.
IIT Kanpur's research spans disciplines that are directly relevant to industry and society, from AI and robotics to energy and advanced materials. Our focus is on: Co-creation, Innovation, and Talent to further advance our capability.
This event is an opportunity to showcase these capabilities in a collaborative setting, where GCCs and startups can engage in shaping applications that matter. Co-creation is central to this effort: transforming academic innovation into solutions that scale, sustain, and contribute to both national growth and global competitiveness.
Together, we look forward to building enduring partnerships that drive innovation, create global impact, and strengthen India's position as a hub for technology and research leadership.

Prof. Amey Karkare
Dean of Resources & Alumni, IIT Kanpur
Secretary, IIT Kanpur Alumni Association

Shree Jai Shankar Sharma
Chairperson – SMC
Distinguished Services Awardee, IIT Kanpur

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Since 2015, Startup Master Class (SMC) has evolved into a trusted platform for enabling deep-tech ventures through mentorship, funding, and partnerships. This summit extends that effort by connecting with GCCs, adding a critical dimension of scale and global reach. Co-creation here means more than dialogue; it is about designing collaborations that endure beyond the event. By bringing together diverse stakeholders, this forum lays the groundwork for impactful partnerships that will strengthen Bharat's position in the deep-tech landscape.

This flagship summit aims to bring together an influential cohort of Global Capability Centres (GCCs), Deep Tech startups, policy makers, investors, and academic leaders to foster innovation, policy alignment, and strategic collaboration in India's evolving tech ecosystem. The event aligns with ongoing GCC-focused policy initiatives across several states and seeks to position IIT Kanpur as a vital innovation hub.

Startups

Investors

Researchers

Highlights
* Startup-GCC co-creation and innovation acceleration.
* Corporate venturing in the Deep Tech startup ecosystem.
* Academia-Industry partnerships for building a future-ready workforce.

We anticipate over 150 Startups, 20 Venture Funds, 25 Fortune 500 GCCs and 30 Researchers to participate, making this a high-impact, high-visibility Platform.
For more information, please visit iitkalumni.org/SMC

This Summit focus is, inter alia, on GCC Policy, its implementation aspects and IITK's possible roles through setting up a Centre of Excellence on GCC Eco-System Building.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A CLOSED-DOOR, ONE-ON-ONE SESSION FOR GCCS, INVESTORS, RESEARCHERS & STARTUPS WITH TOP GOVT OFFICIALS FROM INVEST UP, Telangana Govt, T-Hub, TiE and a few more.

Special Highlight this SMC is the Announcement of a Mega MoU of IITK with HCLTech focussed on Innovation, Co-creation, Talents.

Lets build a strong Tech India.

GCC Speakers

Kiran Cherukuri
Executive Vice President and Global
GCC Practice Head, HCLTech

Prof. Manindra Agrawal
Director, IIT Kanpur

Swapan Johri
President Growth Markets, HCLTech

Kritika Murugesan
Senior Director, GCC & Talent Council,
NASSCOM

Vinod Chilakapudi
Senior Director, S&T, PepsiCo

Dr. Aparna Gupta
Principal Expert & Advisor to the CEO,
ANRF, DST, Government of India

Vikas Jaswal
Managing Director, Nationwide

Richa Jain
Managing Director, Northern Tool

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Nanda Lakkaraju
Managing Director, Carrier Technologies
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Gaurav Luthra
Director, Altruist India

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Director of Software Engineering,
Evernorth Health Services

Madhuri Raya
VP, Software engineering, Optum

Rohit Singla
Chief Operating Officer, Chief of Staff and
Board Member, Western Union India

GCC Speakers

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Chief Executive Officer, Bhartiya Converge

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Principal Consultant, Business Support, KONE Elevator India; Former Director and Head, KONE GBS

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