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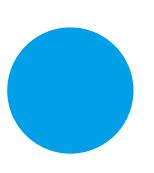
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Event Details

October 17, 2025 (Friday) Date:

Venue: IBS Auditorium, Hyderabad

Organized by: Alumni Relations Cell (ARC)



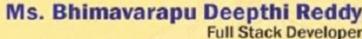
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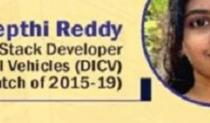
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SPEAKERS



Mr. Naresh Kumar Erothi Vice President, Area Product Owner Data and Analytics JP Morgan Chase Hyderabad CFAI Tech Alumni (Batch of 2002-06)



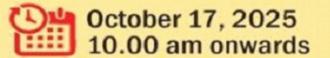


Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) ICFAI Tech Alumni (Batch of 2015-19)











ICFAI Tech Auditorium





The Alumni Relations Cell (ARC) of ICFAI Tech, IFHE Hyderabad, organized a one-day technical workshop titled "AI Horizons 2025: Exploring Careers and Innovations" on October 17, 2025, at the IcfaiTech Auditorium. This event marked another significant milestone in ARC's ongoing mission to foster strong alumni-student engagement and promote the exchange of knowledge between academia and industry leaders.

ARC has consistently strived to strengthen the bond between alumni and the institution through a series of initiatives such as the "Alumni Talk Series," "Technical Workshops," and the quarterly alumni magazine "ECHO." These initiatives serve as a bridge connecting current students with successful alumni who share their professional experiences, challenges, and achievements. ECHO, in particular, has become a vibrant platform showcasing thought-provoking articles and innovative ideas contributed by alumni across various industries, inspiring students to pursue excellence in their chosen fields.

Building upon this foundation, AI Horizons 2025 was conceptualized as an interdisciplinary event aimed at providing students with insights into the rapidly evolving landscape of Artificial Intelligence (AI), its impact on modern careers, and the technological innovations shaping the global job market. The workshop featured a distinguished panel of IcfaiTech alumni who have established themselves in prominent organizations such as JP Morgan Chase, Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV), Salesforce Inc., and LeoForce India.



The event began with an inaugural ceremony graced by eminent dignitaries including Dr. T. Koti Reddy (Vice-Chancellor In-Charge, IFHE), Dr. K. L. Narayana (Director, IcfaiTech), Dr. S. Vijay Laxmi (Registrar), and Dr. D. V. Nair (Faculty Coordinator), followed by a warm welcome from Mr. Paramveer Singh and an opening note from Ms. Nandita Nishant, ARC Student Secretary.

Throughout the day, participants were engaged in a series of intellectually stimulating sessions covering the applications of AI across industries, emerging job roles, the evolution of Large Language Models (LLMs), Salesforce AI ecosystems, and advanced frameworks such as Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG). The discussions provided a holistic view

of how Al-driven technologies are transforming business models, creating new opportunities, and redefining technical career paths.

The workshop served as a dynamic interface between academia and the professional world, helping students gain

practical perspectives on the latest AI trends, tools, and applications. Through this initiative, ARC successfully reinforced its commitment to nurturing innovation, technical competence, and strong alumni-institute collaboration - paving the way for future-ready professionals in the age of Artificial Intelligence.









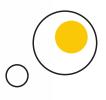








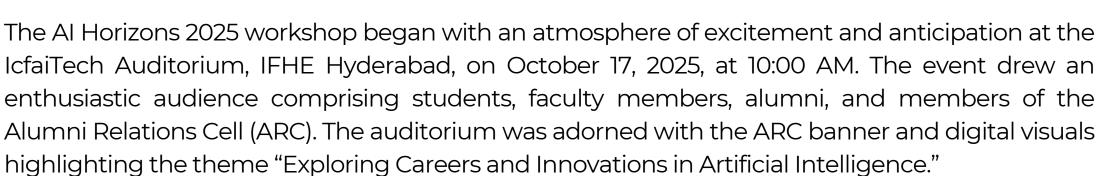








Inaugural Session



The session commenced with a warm welcome address by Mr. Paramveer Singh, the event host, who introduced the workshop's objectives and outlined the day's proceedings. He emphasized how the event would act as a platform for bridging the gap between classroom learning and industrial advancements in Artificial Intelligence, while also providing students with valuable career insights from ICFAI Tech's accomplished alumni.

Following the welcome note, the traditional lamp-lighting ceremony was conducted, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and wisdom. The ceremony was graced by the presence of distinguished dignitaries:

- Dr. T. Koti Reddy, Vice Chancellor (In-Charge), IFHE Hyderabad
- Dr. K. L. Narayana, Director, IcfaiTech Hyderabad
- Dr. S. Vijay Laxmi, Registrar, IFHE Hyderabad
- Dr. D. V. Nair, Faculty Coordinator
- Mr. R. Naresh Kumar Erothi, Vice President, Data and Analytics, JP Morgan Chase Hyderabad (ICFAI Tech Alumni, 2002–2006 batch)
- Ms. Bhimavarapu Deepthi Reddy, Full Stack Developer, Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) (ICFAI Tech Alumni, 2015–2019 batch)
- Mr. Chaynnitt Agarwal, Salesforce Developer: II Salesforce Inc (IcfaiTech Alumni, 2016–2020 batch)





Each dignitary extendedtheir greetings and shared brief remarks highlighting the growing relevance of Al technologies across disciplines.

Dr. Koti Reddy, in his keynoteaddress, emphasized the institution's commitment to advancing AI research and training. He spoke about the incredible pace of AI adoption and encouraged students to focus on developing cross-disciplinary skills that integrate data science, computer vision, and ethical AI practices. He also commended ARC for consistently organizing impactful events that strengthen alumni-student bonds and inspire innovation.

Dr. S. Vijay Laxmi, Registrar, shared her perspective through an audio address, focusing on how AI and automation are transforming both academia and administration. She acknowledged the Alumni Relations Cell for its continuous effortsin fostering meaningful engagement with alumni who now lead in global technology sectors.

Dr. K. L. Narayana, Director of IcfaiTech, followed with an inspiring talk on institutional growth and innovation. He announced upcoming academic expansions, including 14 minor degreeprograms that offer students opportunities to earn 18 additional credits, alongside research-oriented electives. He proudly mentioned that IcfaiTech faculty are actively contributing to national projects such as ISRO's Chandrayaan-3, and to EDA tool training programs that equip students with cutting-edge hardware and analytical capabilities. Dr. Narayana also noted IcfaiTech's social outreach programs, wherein facultymembers provide free educational trainingin mathematics and engineering fundamentals to school students, demonstrating the university's commitment to societal development.

After the addresses, **Ms. Nandita Nishant**, ARC StudentSecretary, officially declaredthe workshop open.In her brief yet insightful introduction, she invited students to "dive into the world of Al" - encouraging curiosity, collaboration, and exploration of emerging technologies like Machine Learning, LLMs, and Cloud Al platforms. Her speech was followed by a presentation of mementos to the distinguished guests as a token of appreciation for their contributions. The dignitaries commended the ARC team for its organizational excellence and expressedenthusiasm for the technical sessions that would follow.

The inaugural session concluded with a group photoand vote of thanks to the esteemed guests, marking the beginning of an inspiring day filled with interactive learning, industry insights, and thought-provoking discussions on Artificial Intelligence and its transformative potential in shaping the careers of tomorrow.







First Session: Mr. Naresh Kumar Erothi

Topic: "From Confusion to Clarity: Finding Your IT Path"

Designation: Vice President & Area Product Owner – Data and Analytics, JP Morgan Chase, Hyderabad.

Batch: ICFAI Tech Alumni (2002–2006)

The first technical session of AI Horizons 2025 was delivered by Mr. Naresh Kumar Erothi, a distinguished ICFAI Tech alumnus currently serving as Vice President and Area Product Owner at JP Morgan Chase, Hyderabad.

His talk, titled "From Confusion to Clarity: Finding Your IT Path", focused on helping students navigate the complexities of the modern IT job market, understand evolving AI-driven career roles, and build structured roadmaps for their professional growth.

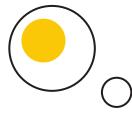
Session Overview

Mr. Naresh began his session by addressing a common reality - "Every tech career begins with confusion." He described the journey of a student's transformation through four stages: Confused > Curious -> Skilled -> Hired. Drawing from his personal experience of moving from a service-based developer role to a product-focused leadership position, he emphasized that real career breakthroughs come from building solutions that genuinely impact users.

India's IT Landscape and Career Trends

Citing data from industry reports, Mr. Naresh highlighted that India's IT sector is projected to reach \$300 billion by FY 2025-26, registering a 6% annual growth rate and adding over 126,000 new hires to a workforce of 5.8 million professionals. He emphasized the growing significance of Al integration in technology-driven sectors such as:





- FinTech
- E-commerce
- HealthTech
- Global Capability Centres (GCCs)

According to him, Al-related job growth has surged by nearly 74% globally, opening new opportunities across engineering, analytics, and ethical Al domains.

Understanding Product-Based vs. Service-Based Companies

In one of the most engaging parts of his session, Mr. Naresh compared Product-Based and Service-Based companies, breaking down the key differences in focus, work culture, and learning exposure. He explained:



- Product-Based Firms (like Google, Zoho, Flipkart) prioritize innovation, ownership, and deep technical development, offering faster career acceleration and higher starting salaries.
- Service-Based Firms (like TCS, Infosys, Accenture) focus on client execution, process stability, and cross-domain exposure, providing steady growth and a broad technical foundation.

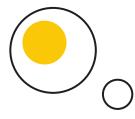
He encouraged students to explore both paths, stating that "Success is not about the type of company you join, but the impact you create in your role."

Career Advice and Motivation

The speaker concluded with an inspiring message - "Al won't replace you, but someone using Al will." He urged students to start acting today, emphasizing that career growth is achieved through consistent effort, not overnight success.

His actionable roadmap included:

- Week 1: Update LinkedIn profiles, start a small AI or Cloud project, join technical communities like r/MachineLearningIndia.
- Month 1: Complete an online AI course, apply to at least five companies, and attend one tech meetup.
- Ongoing: Build a continuous learning habit, contribute to open-source, and network regularly.





During the Q&A, students engaged actively with Mr. Naresh, asking about the distinctions between product and service- based roles, app development ecosystems like "Arattai", and regulatory systems in the U.S. He addressed each question with real-world examples, offering clarity on how companies maintain compliance and innovation balance.

The session concluded with a **memento presentation by Dr. K. L. Narayana and Dr. D. V. Nair**, appreciating Mr. Naresh for his invaluable contribution and commitment to guiding ICFAI Tech students.

Key Takeaway

The session set an empowering tone for the day, offering students not just career insights but a structured pathway to achieve professional success. It reaffirmed the theme of the event - transforming curiosity into clarity through informed learning, practical exposure, and self-driven growth in the AI era.



Second Session: Ms. Bhimavarapu Deepthi Reddy

Topic: "Building Intelligent Apps with OpenAI's LLMs"

Designation: Full Stack Developer, Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV).

Batch: ICFAI Tech Alumni (2015–2019)

The second session of the **AI Horizons 2025 Workshop** was delivered by **Ms. Bhimavarapu Deepthi Reddy**, an ICFAI Tech alumna who currently works as a **Full Stack Developer at Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV)**. Her session, titled "Building Intelligent Apps with OpenAI's LLMs," offered an insightful overview of how **Large Language Models (LLMs)** are reshaping the landscape of modern software development.



Opening her talk with a reflection on her journey from an Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) background to a developer in the automotive technology domain, Ms. Deepthi emphasized the importance of adaptability and continuous learning in the fast-evolving world of Artificial Intelligence. She encouraged students to go beyond being end-users of AI tools and instead focus on building AI-driven solutions, stating, "Building AI is the right thing — not just using AI."

She began by introducing the concept of Large Language Models (LLMs) such as OpenAI's GPT-5, explaining their ability to understand, generate, and interact with human language. Ms. Deepthi highlighted that LLMs power various applications, from intelligent chatbots and automation tools to decision-support systems. She differentiated between closed- source LLMs like GPT and open-source models such as LLaMA or Falcon, explaining how developers can fine-tune or integrate these models based on project requirements.

Ms. Deepthi then guided the audience through the workflow of building Al-enabled applications, describing how developers can integrate Al models into real-world systems. She outlined the development pipeline consisting of a frontend interaction layer (using React or Angular), a backend processing layer (using Python with Flask or FastAPI), and an Al integration layer (using OpenAl APIs or LangChain). She explained how LangChain simplifies the process of connecting LLMs with applications, enabling developers to build context-aware conversational systems and data-driven interfaces efficiently.

She also discussed essential technologies that aspiring AI developers should master - Python, GitHub, AWS, .NET, and debugging frameworks - emphasizing their importance in developing scalable and deployable AI applications. Ms. Deepthi shared that most companies value engineers who can combine programming proficiency with applied AI knowledge. She illustrated a typical career progression path within the software and AI industry: beginning as a QA Engineer, advancing through Data Engineer and Cloud Engineer roles, and eventually specializing as AI or ML Engineers. During the interactive segment, students asked several questions regarding the role of AI in hiring, the significance of frameworks like LangChain, and hardware components such as the On-Board Unit (OBU) used in vehicular AI systems. She responded by explaining that employers increasingly assess candidates' ability to apply AI creatively in problem- solving rather than rote technical knowledge.



On conclusion, Ms. Deepthi motivated students to strengthen their programming foundations, actively contribute to open-source projects, and explore frameworks like Hugging Face and LangChain. She urged them to embrace ethical and responsible AI development, reminding the audience that "AI will not replace us-it will amplify what we can create."

The session ended with a token of appreciation presented to Ms. Deepthi by Dr. D. V. Nair, Shakeel Sir, and Ms. Pallavi Mishra. Her interactive and forward-looking session inspired participants to experiment, innovate, and view AI as a tool for creativity and problem-solving in every domain of technology. Following the conclusion of the second session, participants, faculty members, and alumni gathered for a lunch break arranged at the ICFAI Tech Faculty Lounge. The informal setting provided a relaxed and engaging atmosphere where students and guests interacted freely with the invited alumni speakers and academic dignitaries. Conversations revolved

around the morning's insightful sessions, current trends in Artificial Intelligence, and the evolving career landscape in data- driven industries. During lunch, the alumni shared personal experiences from their professional journeys, while faculty members discussed ICFAI Tech's latest academic and research initiatives. This exchange fostered a spirit of mentorship and collaboration between the alumni and the current student community, reinforcing the central mission of the **Alumni Relations Cell (ARC)** - to strengthen the alumni–institute bond. Post-lunch, the faculty and alumni were given a guided tour of ICFAI Tech's newly constructed laboratories and research facilities. The tour included visits to the **Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning Lab, VLSI Design Center, Advanced Computing Lab, and the IoT & Embedded Systems Lab.** The guests expressed appreciation for the state-of- the-art infrastructure and the university's commitment to hands-on learning and innovation. The campus visit concluded with a brief interaction at the **Research and Innovation Block**, where alumni commended the ongoing efforts to align academic resources with emerging technologies. The tour not only showcased ICFAI Tech's expanding research capabilities but also highlighted the institution's dedication to fostering innovation and experiential learning among students.







Third Session: Mr. Chayynnitt Agarwal

Topic: "Salesforce and AI: Impact on a Global Level" **Designation:** Salesforce Developer II, Salesforce Inc.

Batch: ICFAI Tech Alumni (2002–2006)

The third session of AI Horizons 2025 was presented by Mr. Chayynnitt Agarwal, an ICFAI Tech alumnus currently working as a Salesforce Developer II at Salesforce Inc. His talk provided a comprehensive overview of how Salesforce integrates Artificial Intelligence (AI) into its global customer relationship management (CRM) platforms, shaping business operations and digital ecosystems worldwide.

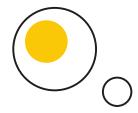
His talk, titled "From Confusion to Clarity: Finding Your IT Path", focused on helping students navigate the complexities of the modern IT job market, understand evolving AI-driven career roles, and build structured roadmaps for their professional growth.

Mr. Agarwal began his session by introducing the concept of **business ecosystems** and explaining how large enterprises operate through interconnected systems such as ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning), CRM (Customer Relationship Management), SCM (Supply Chain Management), and HRMS (Human Resource Management Systems). He emphasized that among these, CRM forms the heart of business relationships, enabling organizations to manage customer data, automate interactions, and drive long-term loyalty. He then took a deep dive into the Salesforce ecosystem, detailing how Salesforce has evolved into one of the most powerful CRM platforms globally. He explained how Salesforce's integrated cloud architecture provides a 360-degree view of customer data through various specialized cloud services, including:

- Sales Cloud for managing sales pipelines and automation.
- Service Cloud for customer support and service analytics.
- Industry Cloud for sector-specific solutions tailored to business needs.

Mr. Agarwal highlighted that Salesforce's success lies in its adaptability and integration capabilities, Education enabling enterprises to streamline operations while leveraging the power of AI and data analytics.





A major highlight of the session was the discussion on Salesforce + AI, where he introduced the audience to Salesforce Einstein, the AI platform embedded within Salesforce. He explained how Einstein uses machine learning and natural language processing to power predictive analytics, intelligent call centers, and AI-assisted sales recommendations. He demonstrated how AI voice assistants and predictive scoring models enhance customer engagement, optimize business processes, and support data-driven decision-making.

Mr. Agarwal also spoke about the Salesforce Trailblazer Community, a global learning ecosystem that helps developers, administrators, and business analysts continuously upskill through hands-on training modules and certifications. He encouraged students to explore Trailhead, Salesforce's official learning platform, which offers a structured learning path for mastering CRM development and AI integrations.

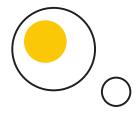
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Fourth Session: Mr. Ayush Kumar Karn

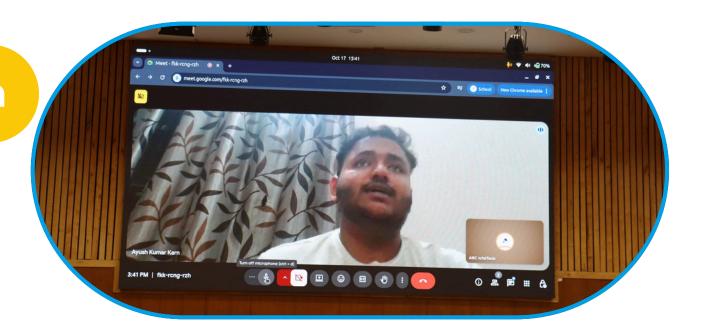
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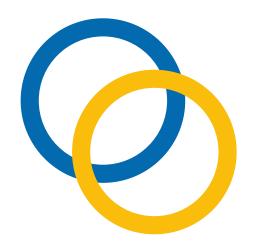
Designation: Machine Learning Engineer (Online Session)

Batch: ICFAI Tech Alumni

The fourth and final technical session of Al Horizons 2025 was conducted by Mr. Ayush Kumar Karn, an accomplished ICFAI Tech alumnus who joined virtually to share his expertise on Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) models, one of the most promising innovations at the intersection of information retrieval and generative Al.

Mr. Karn opened the session by explaining the need for RAG architectures in modern AI systems. While traditional large language models (LLMs) excel at generating fluent responses, they often lack access to updated or domain-specific information. RAG models address this limitation by combining retrieval mechanisms (which fetch relevant external data) with generation modules (which synthesize coherent answers).

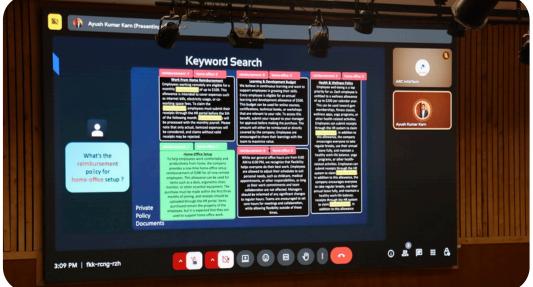












()"This hybrid approach allows AI systems to produce contextually rich, factually accurate, and source-grounded outputs—making them ideal for enterprise search, intelligent assistants, and data-driven decision support tools.

He then provided a clear technical breakdown of the RAG workflow. A retriever component first identifies relevant documents or embeddings from a vector database, and a generator such as GPT or T5 then composes a final, human- readable response. Mr. Karn illustrated this process through code demonstrations using Bash and SQL queries that perform vector search, BM25, hybrid retrieval, and semantic search techniques. These live examples showcased how developers can experiment with multiple retrieval strategies to optimize model accuracy and efficiency. Expanding further, he discussed the core elements of machine learning models that support RAG frameworks, including computer vision, natural language processing (NLP), and audio-based learning systems. He explained how embeddings form the foundation of semantic understanding, enabling models to represent complex relationships between

words, phrases, and visual or auditory data. This conceptual clarity helped students visualize how information retrieval and neural generation converge to enhance AI reliability. Mr. Karn also addressed an important practical question-"When not to use RAG." He noted that RAG is unnecessary for self-contained tasks such as sentiment classification or basic summarization, where contextual retrieval provides little added value. Instead, its true potential lies in knowledge-intensive applications such as legal document search, academic research tools, and large enterprise knowledge bases. Throughout the session, Mr. Karn emphasized the importance of open-source collaboration and directed participants to his GitHub repository, which includes hands-on notebooks demonstrating RAG pipelines and vector database integration. He encouraged students to explore frameworks like LangChain, Pinecone, and FAISS, and to experiment with real-world datasets to understand system behavior under varying retrieval conditions.

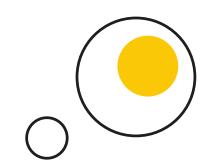
In his concluding remarks, Mr. Karn reflected on how RAG models symbolize the next frontier in AI, bridging the gap between static training data and dynamic real-world knowledge. He urged students to focus on building systems that are both intelligent and interpretable, emphasizing responsible innovation and transparency in AI applications. The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Co-Student Secretary Mr. Srikar Reddy, followed by closing remarks from Mr. Paramveer Singh, who appreciated Mr. Karn's contribution for connecting theoretical AI advancements with practical, hands-on insights. Mr. Karn's talk provided participants with a deep understanding of retrieval-augmented generation pipelines and their significance in shaping the next generation of adaptive, knowledge-aware AI systems-marking a fitting finale to the day- long workshop.





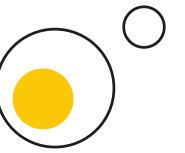
Vote of Thanks

and Closing Ceremony



The AI Horizons 2025: Exploring Careers and Innovations workshop concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** and a heartfelt **Closing Ceremony**, marking the successful completion of an inspiring and knowledge-driven event organized by the **Alumni Relations Cell (ARC) at ICFAI Tech, IFHE Hyderabad**. The day, filled with impactful sessions and interactive learning, came to a close with expressions of gratitude, reflection, and a renewed sense of purpose among the participants.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mr. B. Srikar Reddy, Co–Student Secretary of ARC. He began by extending his deepest gratitude to the honourable dignitaries, faculty mentors, and alumni speakers who made the workshop a resounding success. He expressed appreciation to Dr. T. Koti Reddy, Vice Chancellor (In-Charge), and Dr. K. L. Narayana, Director, ICFAI Tech, for their unwavering support and vision in fostering alumni engagement initiatives that connect academic learning with industry insights.





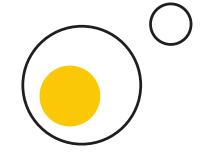
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Mr. Srikar also acknowledged the invaluable contributions of the faculty coordinators - Dr. D. V. Nair, Shakeel Sir, Ms. Pallavi Mishra, and Ms. Anjanamatta - whose mentorship, logistical support, and encouragement played a pivotal role in organizing the event. He further commended Ms. Nandita Nishant, ARC Student Secretary, and the entire ARC core committee for their dedication, coordination, and meticulous planning that ensured the seamless execution of the workshop.





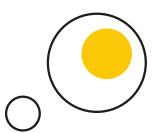
Student-Alumni Interaction Session

Following the formal proceedings, a special **face-to-face interaction** session was organized between the alumni speakers and students. This informal yet intellectually engaging discussion allowed participants to share their **project ideas, research interests**, and **startup concepts** directly with the visiting alumni. Students sought **career guidance, technical feedback**, and **practical suggestions** on how to refine their work and align it with **real-world industry standards**.

The alumni, in turn, provided personalized insights based on their professional experiences in **AI, cloud computing, and software development**, encouraging students to focus on hands-on experimentation, open-source collaboration, and multidisciplinary learning. The session created a vibrant exchange of ideas, embodying ARC's mission to bridge the gap between classroom learning and industrial practice. Many students described the interaction as one of the most valuable aspects of the day, as it gave them the confidence to pursue ambitious projects and professional goals.





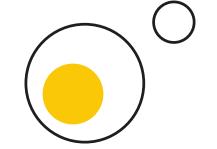


Closing Remarks

The event concluded with **closing remarks by the host, Mr. Paramveer Singh,** who summarized the highlights of the workshop and thanked everyone for their enthusiastic participation. He emphasized that AI Horizons 2025 had successfully fulfilled its objective - to connect aspiring engineers with industry leaders, foster meaningful mentorship, and inspire innovation in the field of Artificial Intelligence.

A group photograph was taken featuring the alumni speakers, dignitaries, faculty, and student organizers - capturing the spirit of unity and collaboration that defined the event. The day ended on an inspiring note, with both students and alumni reaffirming their commitment to contributing to ICFAI Tech's vision of academic excellence, technological innovation, and community-driven growth.







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