



## AGENDA

Time	Topic
08:30 – 09:45	Registration & Networking Breakfast
09:45 – 09:50	Opening Remarks by Sharad Gupta, Co- Founder & Managing Director, Marksmen Network
09:50 – 10:25	<p><b>The Strategic Perspective: Powering India's Digital Core- The Infrastructure Decisions Shaping the Next Decade</b></p> <p><u>Discussion Focus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>From capacity to capability-</b> India's evolution from rapid capacity addition to building intelligent, resilient digital infrastructure</li> <li>• <b>Power as a strategic differentiator-</b> PowerGrid readiness, renewable integration and energy storage for hyperscale growth</li> <li>• <b>Intelligent Infrastructure Choices-</b> Balancing Ecosystem/ Talent/ Economic Growth</li> <li>• Criticality of Policy, Investments &amp; Execution</li> </ul> <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Satyam Priyadarshy</b>, Founder, Reignite Future, LLC, USA; Member, Board of Trustees, AI Applied Consortium; Member, Board of Advisors, Global Quantum Intelligence</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Karan Karayi</b>, Editor in Chief, inFocus &amp; Marksmen Daily</p>
10:25 – 11:25	<p><b>Introductory Panel: The Tamil Nadu Surge: Analysing the Critical Drivers Behind India's Premier Data Gateway</b></p> <p><u>Discussion Focus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does Tamil Nadu move from being a regional hub to a <b>Global Transit Pivot</b> for Europe-Asia traffic?</li> <li>• Subsea cables, IXPs and network density as Chennai's true competitive advantage</li> <li>• Latency, redundancy and global traffic routing as a differentiator</li> <li>• <b>Economic Moats:</b> Affordability &amp; Workforce – Tamil Nadu is one of the world's most cost-effective DC locations</li> <li>• <b>The Talent Pipeline:</b> Leveraging the concentration of Tech &amp; Engineering talent</li> <li>• <b>Future-Proofing-</b> The AI Shift &amp; Deep Tech Policies</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hariharan Veeramuthu</b>, Global CIO, VA Tech Wabagh</li> <li>• <b>Monika Kapoor</b>, Executive Director &amp; Global Head- Data &amp; Analytics, Astra Zeneca</li> <li>• <b>Elankannah Jayaprakash</b>, IT in Charge, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre</li> <li>• <b>Ravi Shankar Pillai</b>, CTO, Chennai Smart City</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Vikram Srinivas</b>, Office Managing Partner - Chennai &amp; Partner - M&amp;A Consulting at KPMG India</p>

11:25 – 11:45	<p><b>Industry Case Study I</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Rajat Raina</b>, Director- Enterprise Sales, NTT Global Data Center</p>
11:45 – 12:10	<p><b>Fireside Chat: Tax Holidays &amp; Expanded Opportunities- Reshaping India’s Data Centre Economics</b></p> <p><u>Discussion Focus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do proposed tax holidays, exemptions, and fiscal incentives signal the government’s long-term commitment to data centres as core digital infrastructure?</li> <li>• Will tax relief meaningfully improve project IRRs, investment velocity, and payback periods?</li> <li>• New Economics on Scale: How Budget-led incentives impact capital deployment, operating costs, and pricing models for hyperscalers, colocation players, and edge facilities.</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Kumar M.S</b>, Cyber Security Consultant, IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation and Professor of Practice at SRMIST</li> <li>• <b>Yogesh Gupta</b>, CTO, Bijlipay</li> <li>• <b>Balaji TK</b>, CIO, FlexiLoans</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Vaitheeswaran Krishnamurthi</b>, Tech- Expert, Tax and Corporate Lawyer</p>
12:25 – 13:00	<p><b>In Discussion: Rearchitecting India’s Cloud Future- Integrating Hybrid, Sovereign and Edge at Scale</b></p> <p><u>Discussion Focus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sovereign Cloud Imperatives</li> <li>• Compliance readiness for regulated industries</li> <li>• Cyber resilience, zero-trust architecture &amp; nation-scale security</li> <li>• Edge as an Enabler</li> <li>• Interoperability &amp; Portability</li> <li>• Security &amp; Governance</li> </ul> <p><u>Probable Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vijay B Anand</b>, Senior Vice President, Global IT &amp; IS, CorroHealth</li> <li>• <b>Pradeep Narayanamoorthy</b>, Head of Data, IDP Education</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Prof. Kumar M.S</b>, Cyber Security Consultant, IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation and Professor of Practice at SRMIST</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p>
14:00– 14:50	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Green by Design: Turning Intelligent Systems into Sustainable Infrastructure Capital</b></p> <p><u>Discussion Focus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criticality of Bridging the <b>Power Gap</b></li> <li>• The role of AI and data in enabling <b>resilient, adaptive, and climate-aware infrastructure</b></li> <li>• Advanced cooling technologies (liquid cooling, immersion)</li> <li>• <b>Water-positive / water-neutral</b> DC strategies</li> <li>• Climate-resilient design for coastal regions</li> <li>• <b>Resilience in a Volatile World:</b> Designing for uptime, security and geopolitical risk</li> <li>• <b>Measuring returns beyond ROI:</b> ESG impact, lifecycle efficiency, and long-term value creation</li> </ul> <p><u>Probable Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Pradeep VM</b>, Head Of Cyber Security &amp; CISO, Metayb</li> <li>• <b>N Sathishkumar</b>, Advisor, Transgreen Sustainability Solutions</li> <li>• <b>Gokulavan Jayaraman</b>, Infosec Leader, Mahindra Group</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Aravind Gnanabaskaran</b>, Head - Cybersecurity Services, Expleo Solutions</p>

14:50 – 15:40	<p><b>Fireside Chat: India 2030 and Beyond- Infrastructure Decisions Defining India's Digital Economy</b></p> <p><u>Discussion Focus:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure as Economic Strategy</li> <li>• Sustainability at core</li> <li>• Policy &amp; Ease of Doing Business</li> <li>• Sovereignty &amp; Security</li> <li>• Futureproofing for AI &amp; Emerging Tech</li> </ul> <p><u>Probable Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Siraj Rahim</b>, DGM Operation Technology and Information Security, MRF Tyres</li> <li>• <b>Raghav G</b>, Sector Head- Datacentre, <b>Guidance Tamil Nadu</b> (Government of Tamil Nadu)</li> <li>• <b>Subramanian Vaithi</b>, Senior Director &amp; Head of Enterprise Risk Management, Nium</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Swathnath Rajasekaran</b>, Partner with the Tax &amp; Regulatory Services practice at Ernst &amp; Young (EY)</p>
15:40 – 16:00	<b>Awards and Felicitations</b>
16:00 – 16:05	<b>Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks</b>

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