



Department of Computer Science
St. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (Autonomous)

Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India

We, the faculty and students cordially invite you to the

PITCHFEST 2026

a Fest for Innovation



Date:

5th & 6th February 2026



Time:

09.00 am onwards

INAUGURATION

5th February 2026 | 11.30 AM | Toulouse Arena

Chief Guests



Dr. S. Xavier Britto

M.Com, B.L., M.B.A., D.Lit., FCILT.,
Chairman, K-Indev Logistics/XB Group



Mr. K. Srinivasa Raju

Managing Director
Adyar Ananda Bhavan



in the presence of

Rev. Dr. Pavulraj Michael SJ

Rector

Rev. Dr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ

Secretary

Rev. Dr. S. Mariadoss SJ

Principal

Dr. D. Kumar

Deputy Principal

Dr. V. Jude Nirmal

Convener

Dr. S. Britto Ramesh Kumar

Head of the Department

Dr. B. Rex Cyril

Coordinator (Shift-II)



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RESOURCE EXPERTS



Mr. Andy S. Giri

Chief Executive Officer
SoftSquare, USA.

Topic: What do investors
look for in a Startup? AI
and the Future



Mr. Ram Singaram

Technology Advisory
VDart Inc., Atlanta, GA, USA.

Topic: Technology with
purpose: Building and
running startups sustainably



Mr. Maria Antony Samy Issac

Founder and CEO
OOR Cabs, TRY Jobs, Chennai.

Topic: Beyond Business
Plans: The real challenges
of Building a Startup



Mr. Nelson Kulandairaj

Chief Digital Officer
CIEL HR, Chennai.

Topic: Campus to Capital:
Turning Student Ideas into
Investable Ventures

JURY MEMBERS



Ms. Sylvia Francis

Founder & Enterprise AI Leader
AI Governance, AI/ML & Intelligent Systems
USA.



Dr. Rajula V

Regional Manager
South Asia Centre, Globethics
Geneva, Switzerland.



Mr. Ram Singaram

Technology Advisory
VDart Inc., Atlanta, GA, USA.



Mr. Derrick Alex J

Head, VDart Academy
A Global Entity of VDart Inc.
Tiruchirappalli.



Mr. I. Johnson

Founder, Director and CEO
Shalom Infotech
Tiruchirappalli.



Rtn. Rajamurugan Thirumaran

Founder
ZWork Technology
Tiruchirappalli.



Mr. Prakash R

Operations Head
ARCLINES Infotainment Limited
Chennai.



Mr. Periyasamy M

Proprietor
Redtrucks Fuel, Stones & Flames Restaurant
Thuraiyur.



Mr. Maria Antony Samy Issac

Founder and CEO – OOR Cabs TRY Jobs
Ex-Senior Consultant – Logica, Polaris Software, Midwich
Chennai.



Mr. Santhana Krishna

Founder – SekureZen
Fractional CISO
Chennai.



Mr. Nelson Kulandairaj

Chief Digital Officer
CIEL HR
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Mr. V. Arunkumar

Manager
CIEL HR
Chennai.



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PANEL DISCUSSION

Industry Perspectives on Building Investable Pitches: From Idea to Investment

Moderator



Dr. D. Ravindran

Former Dean & Vice Principal
St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli.

Physical Presence



Ms. Sylvia Francis

Founder & Enterprise AI Leader
AI Governance, AI/ML & Intelligent Systems, USA.

Virtual Presence



Dr. Arun Gnana Raj Alex

CEO at ADigiElite | Co-Founder and CTO inteva.ai
Dubai, UAE.



Dr. Rajula V

Regional Manager
South Asia Centre, Globethics, Geneva, Switzerland.



Mr. Jebanesan Croos

Technical & Business Head
Florescer infotech, Coimbatore.



Mr. Derrick Alex

Head, VDart Academy
A Global Entity of VDart Inc., Tiruchirappalli.



Mr. Dominic Savio

Proprietor
Dona Cakes World, Chennai.



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VALEDICTION

6th February 2026, 12.30 PM, Barbier Hall, Jubilee Building

Chief Guest



CA Dr. Pannai M. Karthikeyan
Founder & Chairman
Pannai Group of Institutions & Companies

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

05 February 2026

	09:00 a.m. – 09:30 a.m.	Reporting & Registration
	09:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Visionary Talk I
	10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Tea Break
	10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Visionary Talk II
	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Inaugural Ceremony
	12:01 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Chief Guest Address Dr. S. Xavier Britto
	12:30 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.	Keynote Address Mr. K. Srinivasa Raju
	01:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
	02:00 p.m. – 03:30 p.m.	Pitch Presentation: Pre-Final Tracks
	03:30 p.m. – 04:30 p.m.	Panel Discussion
	04:30 p.m. – 05:30 p.m.	Networking Tea with Entrepreneurs and Mentors

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	8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.	Reflection of Day 1
	9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Visionary Talk – III
	9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Visionary Talk – IV
	10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	Tea Break
	11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Pitch Presentation: Final Tracks
	12.30 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Valediction & Award Ceremony
	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Lunch, Socialising & Networking

“Leaders do the right thing,
but entrepreneurs do the
right thing right.”



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