



INSTITUTION INDUSTRY CELL

Report Submission: 15/09/2026

Semester:	ODD	Academic Year:	2026–27	Venue:	AIGS SEMINAR HALL
Event Date:	04/08/2026	Time:	03:00 PM to 05:00 PM	Duration:	02:00 HRS

TYPE OF EVENT: GUEST TALK

EVENT NAME: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY

Target Audience:	AIGS Faculties	Number of Participants:	41	Event Coordinator:	Mrs. Ramya. K
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Objectives:

- 1.To give students practical exposure to real industrial operations and processes.
- 2.To help students understand the link between theoretical learning and industry practices.
- 3.To enhance students' knowledge, skills, and awareness about career opportunities in the corporate world.

Theme of the Event:

Industry & Institute Connect is an initiative that bridges the gap between academic learning and industry practices by providing students and faculty with opportunities to interact with industry professionals. It promotes knowledge sharing, practical exposure, skill development, and stronger collaboration between educational institutions and the corporate sector.

Resource Person:

Name : Anil Varghese Vaidian

Company:

- Partner & Mentor at Securehapp Solutions LLP --- Tenant Management & Talent Management
- Director & Head Life & Health Insurance @ InsuranceDekho



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- Ex- CEO & Founder at Geras Health Pvt Ltd
- Leadership roles in marquee companies like Maxlife, BhartiAxa, AdityaBirla Sunlife, Whirlpool

Detailed Report:

The Industry & Institute Connect programme was organised by the Institution Industry Connect (IIC), Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies, with the objective of strengthening the relationship between academia and industry. The programme provided faculty members with an opportunity to interact with an experienced industry professional, understand current industry trends, and gain insights into emerging technologies and professional practices.

The session was addressed by Mr. Anil Varghese, an experienced industry leader with extensive expertise in business development, distribution, leadership and organisational practices. He shared valuable insights into the rapidly changing business environment and emphasised the need for academicians to remain updated with industry developments and technological advancements.

A major focus of the session was on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the latest AI tools. Mr. Anil Varghese explained how AI is transforming various sectors and highlighted its practical applications in areas such as content creation, research, data analysis, presentations, communication, productivity and decision-making. He encouraged faculty members to explore and responsibly use AI tools to enhance teaching, research and professional activities. He also stressed that AI should complement human creativity, critical thinking and professional judgement rather than replace them.

Another important aspect of the session was building stronger connections between academia and industry. Mr. Anil Varghese encouraged academicians to actively engage with industry professionals through guest sessions, industrial visits, internships, live projects, consultancy, research collaborations and professional networking. He emphasised that industry interaction should be continuous and mutually beneficial rather than limited to occasional programmes.

The session was highly informative and provided faculty members with practical perspectives on integrating industry knowledge and emerging technologies into academic practices. It encouraged participants to adopt a continuous learning approach and explore new opportunities for industry collaboration.

Overall, the Industry & Institute Connect programme successfully contributed towards bridging the gap between academia and industry, promoting technology awareness, professional development and stronger institutional-industry collaboration.



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Formal Session, Resource Person Invite for talk: The Industry & Institute Connect programme titled “Bridging the Gap Between Academia and Industry” was organised on 4 August 2026, commencing at 3:30 PM and concluding at 5:10 PM. The session was conducted with the objective of creating greater awareness among academicians about the evolving expectations of industry and the importance of developing meaningful and continuous industry-academia relationships.

The session was delivered by Mr. Anil Varghese, an experienced industry professional, who shared valuable insights into the changing business environment and the increasing importance of technology and innovation in the workplace. He emphasised the need for academicians to remain updated with contemporary industry practices and emerging technologies in order to provide students with relevant and practical learning experiences.

A significant portion of the talk focused on Artificial Intelligence and the latest AI tools. Mr. Anil Varghese discussed the growing applications of AI across different industries and explained how academicians can utilise AI tools for teaching, research, content development, data analysis, productivity enhancement and professional communication. He encouraged faculty members to adopt AI responsibly while retaining human creativity, critical thinking and professional judgement.

The speaker also highlighted various ways in which academicians can strengthen their engagement with industry. These included organising industry expert sessions, industrial visits, internships, live projects, collaborative research, consultancy activities, faculty development programmes and professional networking. He emphasised that industry interaction should be a continuous and mutually beneficial process rather than being limited to occasional academic events.

The session provided participants with practical perspectives on how industry exposure can enrich classroom teaching and contribute to the development of industry-ready students. It also encouraged faculty members to continuously upgrade their professional knowledge and build stronger networks with industry professionals.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks, expressing sincere gratitude to Mr. Anil Varghese for sharing his valuable industry experience, insights into emerging AI technologies, and practical guidance on strengthening academia-industry connections. The organisers also expressed their appreciation to the management, faculty members and all participants for their active involvement and support in making the programme successful.

Geotagged Photographs:



Officially Inaugurating the event by lighting of the lamp



Welcoming the Guest by the Head of the Institution



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IIC Coordinator welcoming the Head of the Institution



Officially welcoming and introducing the Guest and the Head of the Institution



Mr. Anil addressing the gathering



Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr Kiran Maney, HOD Dept of MBA



A memorable group photograph to windup the event

Outcomes:

- Understand current industry trends and expectations.
- Gain awareness of emerging AI tools and their applications.
- Explore opportunities for stronger academia-industry collaboration.
- Identify ways to incorporate practical industry knowledge into teaching.
- Recognise the importance of continuous professional development and networking.
- Understand the role of technology in enhancing academic and professional practices.

Conclusion and Audience Feedback Summary:

Conclusion

The Industry & Institute Connect programme was highly informative and interactive, providing faculty members with valuable exposure to current industry practices, emerging AI technologies and opportunities for professional collaboration. The insights shared by Mr. Anil Varghese reinforced the importance of building a strong and sustainable bridge between academia and industry. The



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programme successfully contributed towards promoting industry-oriented education, continuous learning, technology adoption and meaningful institutional-industry collaboration.

Conclusion of the event

Feedback:

Totally 41 faculty members participated from various Departments of AIGS. Among them 20 of them have opined that the programme was Excellent and 18 of them are of the opinion that it was Good.

