

## EVENT REPORT

# Career Talk

“Career Pathways and Emerging Trends in the IT Sector”

**80+**

Students Participated

**1**

Eminent Industry Leader

**5**

Objectives Met

**4+**

Technology Domains

Date

**13th September 2025**

Organised By

**Dept. of CSE, CUTM**

Venue

**New Auditorium, Paralakhemundi**

## About the Speaker

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### Ms. Kirti Seth

Former **CEO, NASSCOM Sector Skills Council (SSC)**

Ms. Kirti Seth brings decades of distinguished leadership in India's IT and skills development ecosystem. As the former CEO of NASSCOM's Sector Skills Council, she spearheaded national-level initiatives to bridge the gap between academia and industry, align training frameworks with global competency standards, and prepare India's workforce for the digital future.

## Event Overview

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM), Paralakhemundi, successfully organised a career talk titled “Career Pathways and Emerging Trends in the IT Sector” on 13th September 2025. The session drew enthusiastic participation from over 80 students and faculty members, providing a rich platform for students to engage directly with a stalwart of India's IT industry.

The event commenced with a formal welcome and a brief introduction of the distinguished speaker, followed by an immersive, thought-provoking talk that seamlessly blended industry realities with forward-looking career guidance. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A where students raised questions on career planning, emerging job roles, and the future of the IT industry.

## Objectives

- 01** Create awareness of career opportunities in IT and allied fields for undergraduate students.
- 02** Highlight emerging technologies and trends shaping the future of the IT sector.
- 03** Provide guidance on industry-required skills and future-facing job roles.
- 04** Inspire students to align with Industry 4.0 skills and employability standards.
- 05** Motivate learners to embrace lifelong learning, reskilling, and adaptability.

## Topics Covered

Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning	Cloud Computing
Cybersecurity	Data Analytics
Global IT Career Opportunities	Reskilling & Upskilling Strategies
Industry–Academia Collaboration	Career Pathways in the Digital Economy

## Key Highlights

Expert Talk	Ms. Kirti Seth, Former CEO of NASSCOM Sector Skills Council, delivered first-hand insights drawn from years at the helm of India's IT skill-building ecosystem.
Industry Trends	A deep dive into what the industry demands today and how students can bridge the gap between academic learning and professional readiness.
Career Pathways	Comprehensive coverage of career options in IT, digital technologies, and adjacent domains, with advice on charting a personalised career roadmap.
Interactive Q&A	Students actively engaged with the speaker, raising thoughtful queries on emerging job roles, career planning, and global opportunities.
Industry–Academia	The speaker emphasised how a strong partnership between universities and the industry is the cornerstone of a skilled, future-ready workforce.

## Key Outcomes

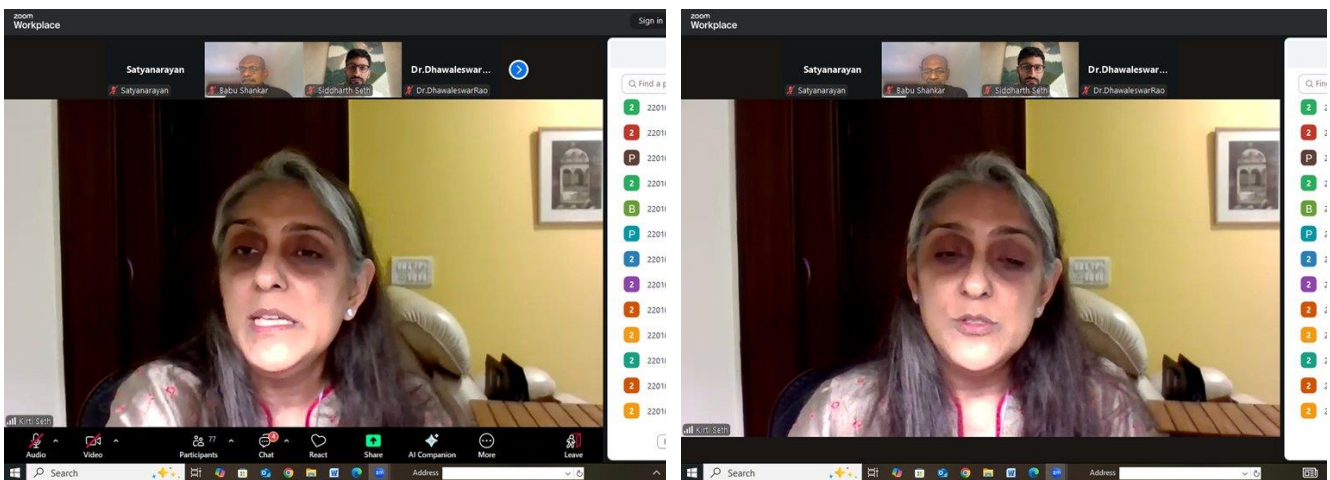
<p><b>Industry Awareness</b></p> <p>Students gained awareness of industry expectations and the skills most in demand in today's job market.</p>	<p><b>Career Pathways</b></p> <p>Participants understood diverse career pathways in IT, digital technologies, and the broader digital economy.</p>
<p><b>Reskilling Drive</b></p> <p>Learners were motivated to engage in reskilling, project work, and internships for career sustainability.</p>	<p><b>Global Readiness</b></p> <p>Students were inspired to explore global opportunities and align with Industry 4.0 and future workforce needs.</p>

## Participant Feedback

Students expressed overwhelming appreciation for the clarity, depth, and practical relevance of the talk delivered by Ms. Kirti Seth. Her industry-driven insights and real-world career advice resonated deeply with the audience. Many participants expressed a strong interest in pursuing skills in AI, Cloud Computing, and other emerging digital domains. The interactive format of the session was particularly well-received, with students calling for more such expert interactions in the future.

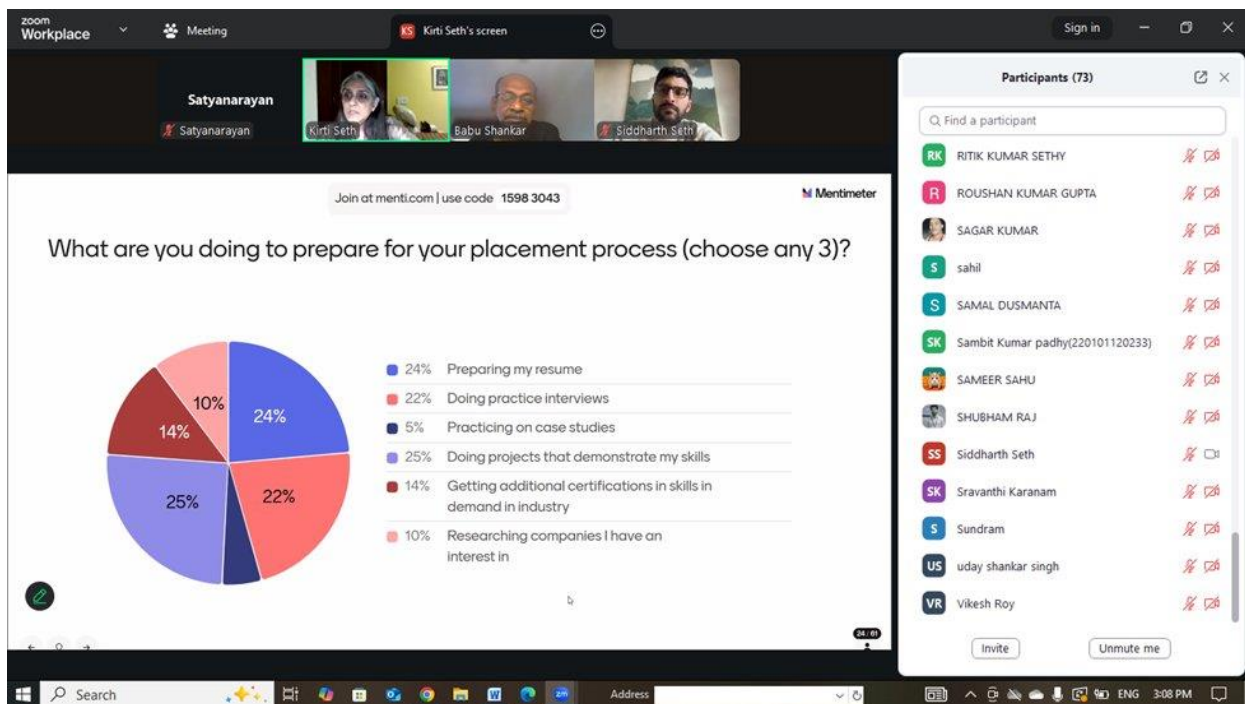
**Key Interest Areas:** AI & Machine Learning • Cloud Computing • Cybersecurity • Data Analytics • Global Careers

## Glimpses of the Event



Ms. Kirti Seth addressing students during the session

Session in progress – Ms. Kirti Seth speaking



Interactive Mentimeter poll – students share their placement preparation activities

## Future Scope

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This Career Talk has laid a strong foundation for a sustained series of industry engagements within the Department of CSE at CUTM. Building on the momentum generated, the department plans to organise skill-building workshops, certification courses, hackathons, and collaborative initiatives with leading IT firms. Future editions will involve more industry leaders, hands-on sessions, and structured mentoring programmes for aspiring IT professionals.

## Acknowledgements

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- We sincerely thank Ms. Kirti Seth for generously sharing her expertise and delivering an inspiring and impactful talk.
- We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Organizing Committee and Faculty Coordinators of the Department of CSE, CUTM, for their meticulous planning and coordination.
- Special appreciation goes to Centurion University of Technology and Management, Paralakhemundi, for its unwavering institutional support.
- We recognise the Student Organizing Team and all participants whose enthusiasm and engagement made this session truly impactful.

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