

EVENT REPORT

Career Talk

"AI, IT Applications, and Career Opportunities"

Date	Organised By	Venue
30th August 2025	Dept. of CSE, CUTM	New Auditorium, Paralakhemundi

240+

Students Participated

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Industry Expert

60+

Minutes of Session

5

Objectives Met

About the Speaker

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Ms. Shibani Poddar

AI Product Professional – Meta | Google DeepMind | Google Labs

Ms. Shibani Poddar is an accomplished AI product professional with hands-on experience working on cutting-edge AI products at **Meta, Google DeepMind, and Google Labs**. With deep expertise in artificial intelligence, IT applications, and career development, she brings a wealth of real-world knowledge to inspire and guide students in navigating the fast-evolving technology landscape.

Event Overview

The **Department of Computer Science and Engineering** at Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM), Paralakhemundi, successfully organised a **Career Talk on "AI, IT Applications, and Career Opportunities"** on **30th August 2025**. The session drew enthusiastic participation from over **240 students**, providing a dynamic platform for learning and career guidance from an accomplished AI industry professional.

The session commenced with a formal welcome address and introduction of the distinguished resource person, Ms. Shibani Poddar. Lasting over an hour, the talk blended professional experience with practical insights on AI technologies, career development, and emerging industry trends. The event concluded with an interactive **Q&A session** where students raised queries about career planning, industry opportunities, and the future of AI.

Objectives

- 01 Introduce students to **current career opportunities in AI and IT** domains.
- 02 Provide awareness about **cutting-edge AI technologies and IT applications** across multiple sectors.
- 03 Guide students on **recognizing strengths and developing skills** for performance improvement.
- 04 Share practical insights on **interview preparation and communication skills**.
- 05 Motivate students to pursue **innovation and research** in AI-driven fields.

Topics Covered

AI Trends & IT Applications Across Sectors	Career Opportunities in AI & Technology	Mock Interview Techniques
Communication Skills for Careers	Cutting-Edge Technology Deep Dive	Career Growth & Industry Expectations

Key Highlights

Career Talk	Ms. Shibani Poddar shared first-hand industry insights and her professional journey working on AI products at Meta, Google DeepMind, and Google Labs.
Career Guidance	Practical guidance on AI applications, career preparation strategies, personal development, and the importance of continuous skill-building in AI.
Interactive Q&A	Students actively engaged with the speaker, raising questions on career planning, industry challenges, and pathways into AI-driven roles.
Student Engagement	Over 240 students participated enthusiastically, contributing to vibrant discussions on AI trends and emerging career paths in technology.

Key Outcomes

<p>Enhanced Awareness</p> <p>Students gained comprehensive knowledge about AI advancements and IT applications across diverse sectors of the global economy.</p>	<p>Career Readiness</p> <p>All Participants received practical guidance for career preparation and insights into the skills needed for AI and IT-focused roles.</p>
<p>Innovation Drive</p> <p>The session inspired students to think critically about AI-based solutions and explore research opportunities in emerging technologies.</p>	<p>Skill Building</p> <p>Learners were encouraged to develop communication skills, pursue projects, and actively engage with AI tools and platforms.</p>

Participant Feedback

Students highly appreciated the Career Talk by **Ms. Shibani Poddar**. They valued the exposure to real-world AI applications and career guidance from a global industry expert. Participants expressed keen interest in future expert sessions and workshops, reflecting the significant impact the talk had on their professional outlook and career aspirations.

Key Interest Areas: AI & IT Applications • Career Planning • Emerging Technologies • Interview Preparation • Research in AI

Glimpses of the Event



Ms. Shibani Poddar delivering the Career Talk



Students attentively participating in the session



Students engaged in an interactive Q&A session

Future Scope

The Career Talk has created a strong foundation for further industry-academia engagement at the Department of CSE, CUTM. Building on its success, the department plans to organise **AI-focused workshops, hackathons, certification courses, mock interview sessions, and mentorship opportunities** with industry leaders. These initiatives aim to continuously enhance student employability, technical capabilities, and readiness for competitive careers in AI and IT.

Acknowledgements

- We extend our sincere gratitude to **Ms. Shibani Poddar** for delivering such an insightful Career Talk and generously sharing her professional knowledge and industry experience in AI.
- We sincerely thank **Centurion University of Technology and Management, Paralakhemundi**, and the **organizing committee** for their efforts in making this event a success.
- Special appreciation goes to the **Student Organizing Team** for their dedicated efforts in ensuring smooth coordination and active participation throughout the event.
- We acknowledge the enthusiasm and engagement of all **240+ participating students**, whose active involvement made the session truly impactful.

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