IPMA Global Project Profession Forum 2026

Co-Creating a Global Transformation Though Project Management - Embracing AI, Innovation & Sustainability'

13-14 February, 2026 at Radisson Blu Resort, Temple Bay, Mahabalipuram

2 DAY PROGRAM

DAY-1 - 13 FEB. 2026

09:30 - 10:00	Keynote Speech	Hall-1	*Strategic Portfolio Management for Co-Creating Value & Transformation*	*Prof Dr Reinhard Wagner, Founder & CEO, Projektivisten GmbH & Fmr. President, IPMA*
10:00 - 10:30	Keynote Speech	Hall-1	*Leading AI implementation Programs in Defence manufacturing*	*Mr J D Patil, President, INAE & Fmr. Whole-time Director & Fmr. Member of the Board, L&T*
10:30 - 11:00	Leadership Forum	Hall-1	*Portfolio Management Strategies - Envisioning a Green future for the Energy sector*	*Mr Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, Chairman & Managing Director, NLC India Ltd.*
			Session Chair: Dr Jesus Martinez Almela, Founder, Bioagroprojects Biotech & Fmr. President, IPMA	*Mr Arvind Kumar, Director (Refineries) with additional charge of Director (Pipelines), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.*
11:00 - 11:30	TEA BREAK			
INAUGURAL SESSION (Hall-1)				
11:30 - 11:40	Prayer and lighting of the Inaugural Lamp			
11:40 - 11:45	Welcome address by Dr A Sivathanu Pillai, President, PMA India and Founder CEO & MD, BrahMos			
11:45 - 11:55	Theme address by Mr Vladimir Obradovic, Vice President Finance & Operations, IPMA			
11:55 - 12:05	Inaugural Address by Prof Dr Mladen Vukomanovic, President, IPMA			
12:05 - 12:15	Vision Speech by Mr Anil Razdan, Patron PMA, India and Fmr. Secretary (Power), Govt of India			
12:15 - 12:25	Special Address by Mr N Ram, Director, The Hindu Group & Fmr. Managing Director, The Hindu (Guest of Honor)			
12:25 - 12:55	Address by the Chief Guest, Dr Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology & Digital Service, Govt of Tamil Nadu			
12:55 - 13:25	Special Ceremony for conferring IPMA Delta Certificate to NLC India Ltd, PMA Lifetime Achievement Award 2025 & PMA Honorary Fellowship 2025, PMA Organizational Excellence Award 2025, PMA Institutional Excellence Award 2025			
13:25 - 13:30	Vote of Thanks by Ms Laura Lasaite, IPMA COO			
13:30 - 14:30	LUNCH			
14:30 - 15:30	Vice Chancellor's Roundtable	Hall-1	*Innovation as a catalyst for promting Project Management Mindset among undergraduates*	*Prof C Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor, SRM Institute of Science & Technology*

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			Session Chair: Prof PVM Rao, Dept of Design, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	*Prof Kuldeep Kumar Raina, Vice Chancellor, MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences*
				Dr (Mrs) Thangam Meganathan, Chairperson, Rajalakshmi Engineering College
				Mr Sanjib Kumar Rout, President, CV Raman Global University
14:30 - 15:30	Panel Discussion	Hall-2	*AI and Industry 4.0 - Project Management for Future Competitiveness*	*Lt Gen (Retd) Karanbir Singh Brar, PVSM, AVSM*
			Session Chair: Mr J D Patil, President, INAE & Fmr. Whole-time Director & Fmr. Member of the Board, L&T	*Dr Revathi Venkataraman, Chairperson, School of Computing, SRM Institute of Science & Technology*
				Mr Anup SS, Head AI Practice, Tata Elxsi
15:30 - 16:00	Executive Insights	Hall-1	*Transforming strategic industries to align with national missions*	*Mr Chandrashekar H.G., Chairman & Managing Director, SASMOS HET Technologies Ltd.*
			Session Chair: Dr Prahlada Rama Rao, Fmr Director, Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL)	*Mr M Sheik Altaf, Director, Laboratories, Electronics & Radar Development Establishment (LRDE)*
				Mr Ankathi Raju, Director, Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL)
15:30 - 16:00	Executive Insights	Hall-2	*Sustainability integration - Role of Leadership in Project Management*	*Mr Sudhir Kumar, MD, Petronet MHB Limited*
			Session Chair: Mr K S Jamestin, Fmr Director (HR & I/c Business Development and JV), ONGC Ltd.	*Mr H Shankar, MD, Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited*
16:00 - 16:30	**TEA BREAK**			
16:30 - 17:00	Keynote Speech	Hall-1	*Impact of Space Missions in fostering an Innovation ecosystem*	*Dr S Somanath, Fmr. Chairman, Indian Spoace Research Organisation (ISRO)*
17:00 - 17:30	Keynote Speech	Hall-1	*Sustainable Solutions for the Mining & Metals industry - PM Perspective*	*Mr Roberto Mori, Fmr. Director, Operations & Special Projects, Tenova & Fmr. President, IPMA*
18:30 - 21:00	**Gala Dinner, Cultural Function & PMA India Awards**			

DAY-2 - 14 FEB. 2026

DAY-2 SESSIONS				
Time	**Session**	**Hall**	**Topic**	**Speakers**
09:30 - 10:00	Special Lecture	Hall-1	*IPMA - Setting the Gold Standard for Project Management Competence Development, Assessment & Certification - worldwide*	*Ms Laura Lasaite, IPMA COO*
10:00 - 10:30	Special Lecture	Hall-1	*The Digital Twin Advantage - Transforming Project Management in the Age of Industry 4.0*	*Dr Kota Harinarayana, Fmr. Programne Director, LCA (Light Combat Aircraft)*
10:00 - 10:30	Keynote Speech	Hall-2	*AI, Innovation and Sustainability*	*Prof Salvatore Moccia, Director of Education and Skills, 28Digital*
10:30 - 11:00	Keynote Speech	Hall-1	*Sustainable Development Goals - Leveraging Project Management to drive positive global change*	*Dr Jesus Martinez Almela, Founder, Bioagroprojects Biotech & Fmr. President, IPMA*
10:30 - 10:45	Special Lecture	Hall-2	*Transforming the Automotive industry through AI*	*Mr Gopala Krishnan CS, Chief Manufacturing Officer, Hyundai Motor India Ltd*
10:45 - 11:00	Special Lecture	Hall-2	*AI in Mobility*	*Mr Akhilesh Kumar Srivastava, President ITS India Forum and IRF India Chapter*
11:00 - 11:30	TEA BREAK			
11:30 - 12:00	Special Lecture	Hall-1	*Rethinking Project Management in the Age of Data and AI*	*Mr Veljko Janjic, President, BEXEL Consulting*
12:00 - 13:30	Panel Discussion	Hall-1	*Reimagining Project Management - Emerging Compteneces in the Age of AI, Innovation & Sustainability*	*Prof Dr Mladen Vukomanovic, President, IPMA*
			Session Chair: Prof Dr Reinhard Wagner, Founder & CEO, Projektivisten GmbH & Fmr. President, IPMA	*Mr Roberto Mori, Fmr. Director, Operations & Special Projects, Tenova & Fmr. President, IPMA*
				Mr Anand Louie, MD, International Research Institute for Manufacturing

				Mr Chandramouleswaran Mahalingam, , VP Global Implementation & Support for HRP Business Unit, Ramco Systems Ltd.
12:00 - 13:30	Panel Discussion	Hall-2	*Innovation and Project Management - The cornerstones for success and value creation*	*Mr Venkata Raju Vetukuri, Chairman & Managing Director, VEM Technologies*
			Session Chair: Mr Hans Raj Verma, Director General, COSIDICI	*Mr Narasinghan Eliyathamby, Sr Project Manager, IPMA Singapore*
				Mr Kaushik Palicha, Founder, Y Capita Technologies Pvt Ltd
				Mr M Ramesh, Task Force Leader, Mumbai Ahmedabad High Speed Rail, L&T
13:30 - 14:30	LUNCH			
14:30 - 15:00	Executive Insights	Hall-1	*Projects as enablers for implementing ESG goals*	*Dr L Ramesh, Jt Registrar, Dr MGR University & President, IGEN*
			Session Chair: Dr Jesus Martinez Almela, Founder, Bioagroprojects Biotech & Fmr. President, IPMA	*Dr Madhurani Gowda, Director, FKCCI*
				Mr Pradeep Gupta, Fmr. Jt Secretary, Govt of India & Startup Mentor
15:00 - 15:30	Special Lecture	Hall-1	*Best parctices in Competent Project Management - Engineering & EPC sector*	*Mr M Nandakumar, MD, Nanwin Energy LLP*
15:30 - 16:00	Special Lecture	Hall-1	*Unlocking the power of Leadership in Construction*	*Col (Dr) Bishwajeet Choubey, OS & Director, DCWE*
16:00 - 16:30	TEA BREAK			
16:30 - 16:50	Key conclusions & Valedictory speech	Hall-1		*Mr Anil Razdan, Fmr. Secretary (Power), Govt of India & Patron, PMA, India*
16:50 - 17:00	Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks	Hall-1		*Mr Vladimir Obradovic, IPMA Vice President - Finance & Operations*

19:00 - 20:00	Farewell Dinner