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**DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES**  
**(PUMBA)**



# National Seminar 2024

## TechVantage Summit

**Digital  
Transformation  
in  
Business**



### DATE & TIME



**24TH FEB 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

### LOCATION



**Sant Namdev Sabhagruh**  
**Savitribai Phule Pune University**  
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# INTRODUCTION

Department of Management Sciences, affectionately known as PUMBA, prides itself in being a pioneer in business and management and consistently featured as a top B school. It carries a legacy of creating & nurturing globally competitive talent. PUMBA is continuously developing and embracing changes with ardor. The placements and consistent top rankings are testimony to the brand PUMBA which has been unshakeable during its 50-plus years of existence.

## ABOUT NATIONAL SEMINAR

Step into the future with 'TechVantage Summit,' the annual national seminar presented by the Department of Management Sciences (PUMBA) and Seminar Cell. This year, we invite you to immerse yourself in the essence of our flagship event, a journey that transcends boundaries and explores the transformative landscape of 'Digital Dynamics in Business.'

This year's summit promises not only valuable insights but also an atmosphere of collaboration, exchange, and celebration of the advancements that are shaping our collective tomorrow. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this extraordinary event – where the future unfolds, and the pulse of digital dynamics beats stronger than ever. Welcome to the 'TechVantage Summit,' where innovation meets evolution. Let the journey begin!

## OUR LEADERSHIP



**Prof. (Dr.) Suresh Gosavi**  
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor  
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**Dr. Parag Kalkar**  
Hon'ble Pro-Vice Chancellor  
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**Dr. Prafulla Pawar**  
Professor & Director  
SPPU-School Of Business



**Dr. Supriya Patil**  
Professor & Head  
Department of Management Sciences  
(PUMBA)



# Event Schedule

**24TH FEBRUARY**

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Inaugural Session</b> <b>Vidyapeeth Geet, Lighting of Lamp</b>	
<b>10:10 AM</b>	<b>Curtain Raiser</b>	
<b>10:15 AM</b>	Address <b>Faculty Coordinator</b>	<b>Dr. CA. Shilpa Bhide</b>
<b>10:20 AM</b>	Address <b>Head of Department</b>	<b>Dr. Supriya Patil</b>
<b>10:25 AM</b>	Address <b>Director</b>	<b>Dr. Prafulla Pawar</b>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Release of Student Journal - Nexus</b>	
<b>10:45 AM</b>	Address <b>Hon'ble Vice Chancellor</b>	<b>Prof. (Dr.) Suresh Gosavi</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Address <b>Chief Guest</b>	<b>Dr. Deepak Shikarpur</b> Director - Kinetic Comm. Ltd.
<b>11:45 AM</b>	Address <b>Guest of Honor</b>	<b>Mr. Mahesh Gokhale</b> Global Fintech Leader



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# Event Schedule

12:30  
PM

Lunch Break

02:00  
PM

Panel Discussion

**Dr. Rajesh Pahurkar**

Moderator  
**Professor (PUMBA)**

**Ms. Shalini Sharma**

Head-Corporate Comm.-Mkt.  
**Atlas Copco Group**

**Mr. Upendra Kulkarni**

Director  
**Credit Suisse**

**Ms. Neha Vyas**

Director-Talent Acquisition  
**Pattern**

**Lt. Col. Santanu Roy**

Co-founder  
**Synctreads Computing Sol. LLP**

**Mr. Sameer Badve**

Director  
**A B Process Technologies**

03:30  
PM

Snacks Break

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## Valedictory Session

Guest Speakers

04:00 PM	Mr. Vinod Bidwaik	CHRO & Group Director- People & Culture Sakal Media Group
04:45 PM	Mr. Charukesh Gaikwad	Director EY
05:30 PM	Mr. Prashant Pansare	Founder & CEO Rubiscape
06:15 PM	Address Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor	Dr. Parag Kalkar
06:30 PM	Vote of Thanks	



## Mr. Deepak Shikarpur

Director



Dr. Deepak Shikarpur, a globally renowned IT Engineer, holds a distinguished reputation in the field of Information Technology. His illustrious career began with 16 years of service in the Tata group, after which he transitioned into a Technopreneur. Currently serving as the Director of Kinetic Communications and Belrise Group of Companies, Dr. Shikarpur has been appointed to the Customer Service Committee by the Bank of Maharashtra for a three-year term starting April 2023.

Recognized for his significant contributions, Dr. Shikarpur is an Honorary Fellow of the Maharashtra Academy of Science, Computer Society of India, and the Institution of Engineers. He actively serves on the Executive Committee of the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries, and Agriculture, and holds the position of Advisor (IT) at the Deccan Chamber of Commerce. The Union Government has appointed him as a member of the task force for digitizing education in alignment with the new education policy.

Dr. Shikarpur's leadership extends to his role as a National IT Board member of the All India Council of Technical Education. In 2013-14, he served as the District Governor in Rotary District 3131. A prolific author, he has written 54 books on IT in both Marathi and English, earning several awards for his literary contributions from governmental and non-governmental bodies.

Dr. Deepak Shikarpur's notable recognitions include an award for his eWaste management policy paper released by the Honorable Environment Minister in 2016. In 2020, the Global India Business Forum honored him with an Excellence Award on Engineers Day. His achievements were acknowledged by the Honorable Governor of Maharashtra State, receiving the "Maharashtrachi Girishikhare" Award in 2022. Further, he received the Bharat Gaurav Award by KTK Foundation in 2023 and a Special Citation from Marathi Vidnyan Parishad for popularizing science on National Technology Day.





## Mr. Mahesh Gokhale

Global Fintech Leader

Mr. Mahesh exemplifies the spirit of leadership and innovation, drawing upon his rich experience in the dynamic world of fintech. Our alumnus, Mr. Mahesh Gokhale is fintech leader with over 25 years of extensive IT experience in the BFSI sector. Throughout his professional journey in Pune, Mumbai, London, and New York, he has held managerial and leadership roles with renowned Fortune 500 corporations, including Tata, Unisys, Oracle Financial Services, and Fidelity Information Services.

A key contributor to the FIS India organization, Mr. Mahesh played a pivotal role in shaping its vision and strategy. His influence extended to the FIS Capital Markets Division in India, where he actively participated in crafting and implementing business and technology strategies. Mahesh spearheaded organizational transformation, progressing from engineering support to leadership and further evolving into an innovation hub.

Leading large product engineering teams, Mr. Mahesh achieved remarkable success, delivering substantial product revenue and consistently surpassing operational efficiency targets. His strategic approach, collaborative mindset, and foresight significantly contributed to the overall success of the organizations, both in terms of bottom-line results and top-line growth.

Currently serving as an independent consultant, Mr. Mahesh holds a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from COEP and an MBA from PUMBA, Pune University. Additionally, he has completed the FSA Approved - Securities and Derivatives course at the Securities Institute in London, UK.



## Ms. Shalini Sharma

Head-Corporate Comm.-Mkt.

**Atlas Copco**  
Group

Ms. Shalini Sharma, an esteemed alumna of our institution, is a trailblazer in the realms of digital marketing, corporate storytelling, and strategic communication. Recognized for her exemplary proficiency, she brings a wealth of experience in steering successful marketing campaigns and crafting compelling narratives, earning her a reputation for strategic acumen and innovative approaches. As a seasoned Digital Marketing and Communication Leader, Ms. Shalini excels in driving brand engagement and shaping effective communication strategies.

With a robust background in marketing and communication strategy, Ms. Shalini Sharma has demonstrated exceptional leadership in both the manufacturing and retail sectors. Her expertise seamlessly bridges digital marketing, brand communication, and business strategy, consistently delivering tangible results.

Currently serving as the Head of Corporate Communications and Marketing for the Compressor Technique division at Atlas Copco Group, Ms. Shalini boasts over 13 years of invaluable experience in steering high-performing teams towards strategic objectives. Her tenure at Atlas Copco is marked by successful implementations of innovative digital marketing strategies, effective brand positioning initiatives, and the establishment of strong employer branding practices.

Before her role at Atlas Copco, Ms. Shalini Sharma held significant positions at Plaza Centers and Future Group India, playing pivotal roles in shaping marketing communications strategies, executing PR campaigns, and spearheading brand development endeavors.

Dedicated to professional growth, Ms. Shalini Sharma holds an MBA in Marketing from our institution, Department of Management Sciences (PUMBA) and has pursued international management certifications from prestigious institutions such as the Stockholm School of Economics and Duke University and LUND University.





## Mr. Upendra Kulkarni

Director  
**CREDIT SUISSE** 

Success in the financial sector isn't just about numbers; it's about understanding the story behind them and making strategic decisions that shape the narrative of success. Embodying excellence and leadership in the financial sector, Mr. Upendra Kulkarni stands as a distinguished Director at Credit Suisse. With an impressive track record of accomplishments, Mr. Upendra brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the forefront of the industry. His strategic insights and astute decision-making have been instrumental in navigating the complexities of the financial landscape, solidifying his reputation as a seasoned professional and a respected leader in his field.

Specializing in risk management, Mr. Upendra is a PRMIA certified Professional Risk Manager (PRM), recognized for his proficiency in developing, analyzing, and implementing Market Risk projects across various asset classes. During his 13-year tenure at Credit Suisse, he has held pivotal roles, including Vice President and his current position as Director. In these roles, Mr. Upendra has spearheaded the development and implementation of Market Risk Methodologies for Rates, FX, and Commodities asset classes.

Before joining Credit Suisse, Mr. Upendra served as a Business Analyst at HCL Technologies, specializing in Market Risk Management for esteemed clients like Deutsche Bank. He holds an MBA in Finance from Department of management sciences(PUMBA) and a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical from the University of Pune.

As an esteemed alumna of our institution, Mr. Upendra Kulkarni serves as an inspiration to current and aspiring professionals, showcasing the impactful narrative of success in the ever-evolving world of finance.





## Ms. Neha Vyas

Director-Talent Acquisition



Unlocking the extraordinary potential within each individual defines not only a role but the passion in talent management. With such passion Ms. Neha Vyas, the Director of Talent Acquisition at Pattern®, distinguishes herself as a visionary in the dynamic field of talent management. Over 15 years of dedicated experience have showcased Ms. Neha's exceptional proficiency in cultivating and optimizing talent resources, earning her a well-deserved reputation as a respected figure in talent acquisition.

In her current role at Pattern®, she oversees talent acquisition, talent management, employer branding, employee relations, and people management.

Prior to her tenure at Pattern®, Ms. Neha held positions at prominent companies such as Josh Software, Inc., Bonzai – The Creative Management Platform, Clarice Technologies, and SEED Infotech Ltd, where she honed her skills in HR management, recruitment, and talent development.

Her diverse skill set is complemented by a robust academic background in HR, marketing, and multimedia, with an MBA in Human Resources and Marketing from ICFAI National College, a Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) from Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, and a Diploma in Multimedia (D.I.M) from Arena Multimedia.

Ms. Neha's commitment to shaping a more humane and purpose-driven approach to talent management, as reflected in her inspiring quote, makes her an invaluable asset to any discussion on organizational growth and development.



## Lt Col Santanu Roy

Co-founder



Colonel Roy, a distinguished member of the elite Corps of Engineers, The Bombay Sappers, brings extensive military experience of 23 Years to his professional portfolio. With active involvement in multiple military operations, including 'Operation Vijay' (Kargil 1999), he has demonstrated exemplary leadership and strategic acumen. His tenure with the Military Engineering Services and the Director General Quality Assurance underscores his expertise in overseeing the quality assurance of mission-critical equipment and systems from renowned manufacturers such as Bharat Electronics Limited, Tata Motors, L&T, and others.

He is results-driven professional with a Postgraduate degree in Operation Management, complemented by a strong foundation in Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics. Over 27 years of versatile experience spanning Design Engineering, Reliability Engineering, Project Management, Strategy Building, Leadership, Quality Assurance, Procurement, HVAC, Utility Services, Logistics & SCM, Man Management, Administration, Finance, and Planning. Proven track record in delivering operational excellence across diverse functions. As a co-founder of a technology company, Colonel Roy serves in an advisory capacity for multiple companies in the Defence industry. His company achieved recognition as the winner of the iDEX Prime Challenge in 2022.

This distinguished member of The Bureau of Indian Standards and The American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, is actively engaged in professional bodies such as The Institution of Engineers (India). Renowned as an eminent speaker. Committed to nurturing fundamental knowledge in aspiring engineers, Colonel Roy generously contributes to society by teaching inquisitive students.



## Mr. Sameer Badve

Director



Guiding innovation in instrumentation and automation, Mr. Sameer Badve exemplifies leadership that transforms challenges into opportunities, driving excellence across diverse industries.

He is seasoned professional in instrumentation, control systems, and automation, currently holds the position of Director at A B PROCESS TECHNOLOGIES. With nearly a decade of experience.

In his previous role as the Head of Sales for the Pune branch territory at Swagelok Pune, Mr. Badve played a pivotal role in strategic consulting, team management, and achieving remarkable sales growth.

Prior to his tenure at Swagelok Pune, Mr. Badve gained valuable engineering experience at Forbes Marshall, where he contributed to planning, sales order management, and vendor development.

Educationally, Mr. Badve holds a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree from the Indian Institute of Cost and Management Studies and Research, complemented by a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Kolhapur Institute of Technology's College of Engineering. This academic foundation, combined with his extensive industry expertise, positions him as a dynamic leader with a strong background in business management, marketing, and related support services.





## Mr. Vinod Bidwaik

CHRO & Group Director-  
People & Culture



Delve into the essence of success, and one encounters not only perseverance and astute work but also the virtues of a pioneering spirit and willingness. Mr. Vinod Bidwaik, epitomizes excellence, boasting an extensive background with over 25 years of diverse experience across industries. Currently serving as the Group Director-HR at AP Globale & Sakal Media Group, he has held leadership positions in prominent organizations like Alfa Laval, DSM India Pvt. Ltd, and Mahindra & Mahindra.

Mr. Bidwaik passionately advocates for individual empowerment, emphasizing the crucial role of cultivating mindset, skillset, and toolset to drive significant positive transformations. His professional ethos revolves around these three key components as catalysts for meaningful change and personal development. With a solid academic foundation, including a Microbiology degree, Masters in Personnel Management, and certifications from esteemed institutions like IIM-A'bad, he is well-equipped to steer organizational success.

Widely recognized as a prolific author, Mr. Bidwaik has penned acclaimed books in both Marathi and English, including "College to Corporate, via Interviews," "Swayamvikasachi Swayamprerna," "Holistic Approach to Employee Engagement," "Password to Enriched Life," and "Vitality in Human Resource." covering topics ranging from career transitions to holistic employee engagement. His international experience in pivotal HR roles across Shanghai, Singapore, and the Netherlands provides him with a profound understanding of global HR dynamics.



## Mr. Charukesh Gaikwad

Director



In the intricate dance of Governance, Risk, and Compliance, innovation is the key to orchestrating a harmonious symphony of success. With this profound philosophy guiding him, we present Mr. Charukesh Gaikwad, an illustrious alumnus of our institution and a highly accomplished Risk Leader with an impressive 16-year global track record in Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC). Currently serving as a Director at Ernst & Young LLP, he brings strategic acumen, offering GRC Technology Vision, Strategy, Direction, and Roadmap to clients. Recognized as a Trusted Advisor for GRC Projects and Integrated GRC Programs, Mr. Gaikwad is distinguished as a Thought Leader and Influencer, actively contributing to various GRC forums. His impactful ideas submitted under the Influence program have been accepted for development by SAP, showcasing his substantial influence on industry discourse and innovation.

Academically, Mr. Gaikwad holds a Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) in Mechanical Engineering from PVG's College of Engineering and Technology, University of Pune, complemented by an MBA in Operations Management from the Department of Management Sciences at the University of Pune (PUMBA). Certified in PMP, GRCP, CRISC, and ISO 27001 LA, his expertise is further evidenced through his leadership role at Ernst & Young LLP. Throughout his career, he has successfully navigated clients through complex GRC challenges, delivering sustainable solutions across diverse global environments, including the Netherlands, USA, Malaysia, South Africa, UAE, and Nigeria.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Gaikwad serves as a Board member at ISACA Pune Chapter, offering strategic insights and expertise. Simultaneously, he holds roles as the General Secretary and Magazine Secretary at an Engineering College, showcasing his commitment to academic and administrative excellence. His active involvement as a Placement Committee member for an MBA College and an elected member of the Community Service Council (CSC) for an IT company underscores his dedication to fostering talent connections and community-oriented initiatives.





## Mr. Prashant Pansare

Founder & CEO



In the realm of visionary leaders, charisma often emerges as the defining quality, and Mr. Prashant Pansare, Founder & CEO of Inteliment Group and Rubiscape Pvt Ltd., effortlessly embodies this trait. Renowned for his visionary entrepreneurship, Mr. Pansare stands as a dynamic force committed to propelling organizations towards unparalleled success through cutting-edge technologies.

He has demonstrated exceptional foresight and strategic acumen throughout his illustrious career. As the founder of Inteliment in 2004 and Rubiscape in 2020, he has spearheaded the development and investment in next-generation technologies, resulting in a notable portfolio of international patents in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning.

Under his leadership, Inteliment has evolved into a globally respected Big Data Analytics Company, while Rubiscape has earned acclaim as India's pioneering unified Data Science Product Company, receiving the 11th Aegis Graham Bell Award.

Recognized as a 'CEO of a Fast-Growing Company' by Deloitte, Mr. Pansare has also contributed significantly to national and international initiatives, including NITI Aayog and NASSCOM. His academic achievements include an Honorary D. Litt in Data Science & AI from George Washington University, USA, and he is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Innovation Incubation and Management.

Additionally, Mr. Pansare's commitment to mentorship and his contributions to the startup ecosystem and research community underscore his dedication to fostering socio-economic growth. With a stellar track record of achievements, Mr. Pansare's career is defined by excellence, innovation, and a visionary approach that positions him as a key influencer in the realm of digital entrepreneurship.



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