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Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science Engineering

Industry Advisory Board (IAB) Meeting Report

Event Title: Industry Advisory Board Meeting

Date: 13th December 2025

The Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science Engineering, Marathwada Mitra Mandal's College of Engineering (MMCOE), Pune, successfully organized the Industry Advisory Board (IAB) Meeting on 13th December 2025 for the Academic Year 2025–26 (Semester II). The department was privileged to host esteemed industry professionals whose expert insights and recommendations will significantly contribute to enhancing curriculum relevance, academic quality, and student employability in the domains of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science. The meeting provided a valuable platform for industry-academia interaction, focusing on aligning the AI & DS curriculum with emerging technologies, industry expectations, and future skill requirements. The discussions highlighted the need for strengthening practical learning, adopting industry-relevant tools and frameworks, and improving placement preparedness to ensure graduates remain competitive in the rapidly evolving technological landscape. We were honored by the presence of the following esteemed IAB members:

- Dr. Subhash B. Tatale – Senior Consultant, Infosys
- Mr. Abhijat Vichare – Operations Manager, ACM India
- Mrs. Prajakta Nikam – Technical Lead, TCS
- Mr. Sushrut Gururji – Data Scientist, Wipro
- Mr. Pramod Patil – Software QA Engineer, Siemens
- Mr. Ranjit Mahadik – Vice President, Citi Bank
- Mr. Chandan Singhal – AI Engineering Director, NTT Data Services
- Mr. Shubham Purandare – Founder & CEO, Studium
- Mr. Kiran Shinde – Senior Principal Engineer, Marsh McLennan

The IAB meeting commenced with a welcome address and a brief overview of the department's highlights by Dr. M. R. Dhage, Head of the AI & DS Department. This was followed by a presentation on the Second-Year (SY) curriculum and Third-Year (TY) curriculum structure, after which a detailed discussion was held among the IAB members. Dr. Sachin Sakhare, Principal, MMCOE, also joined the meeting. The following suggestions were provided:



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Key Discussion Points:

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Dr. Subhash B. Tatale (Infosys):

Suggested aligning the curriculum with enterprise consulting requirements, large-scale system exposure, and industry certifications.

Mr. Abhijat Vichare (ACM India):

Encouraged student participation in ACM activities, competitive programming, hackathons, and research-oriented learning.

Mrs. Prajakta Nikam (TCS):

Emphasized strengthening core programming fundamentals, coding standards, and industry-ready software development practices.

Mr. Sushrut Guruji (Wipro):

Suggested enhanced focus on the Data Science lifecycle, real-world datasets, exploratory data analysis, and hands-on machine learning implementation.

Mr. Pramod Patil (Siemens):

Recommended inclusion of Software Testing methodologies, QA automation tools, and quality assurance best practices in the curriculum.

Mr. Ranjit Mahadik (Citi Bank):

Highlighted the importance of data security, regulatory compliance, risk analytics, and finance-domain use cases.

Mr. Chandan Singhal (NTT Data Services):

Advised introducing Generative AI, Agentic AI, MLOps, and cloud-based AI deployment for industry alignment.

Mr. Shubham Purandare (Studium):

Recommended promoting entrepreneurship, innovation, startup exposure, and real-world problem-solving projects.

Mr. Kiran Shinde (Marsh McLennan):

Emphasized scalable system design, enterprise architecture, and data-driven decision-making skills.

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