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Industry conversations and perspectives

Jio Institute's conclaves, conferences and industry sessions connect students with leaders from technology, business, sport and emerging industries. The events below are organised with the latest 2026 engagements first, followed by the earlier academic years. Where a conference included distinct panels, each is described separately, with the speakers identified in the supplied event material.

Academic Year 2026-2027

Convergence 2026: Transforming Business Through Autonomous Intelligence

International Conference | Nanyang Executive Centre, NTU Singapore

Convergence 2026 brought leaders from technology, finance, academia and business together in Singapore to examine how autonomous AI is reshaping enterprise decisions. Three keynotes explored human judgement, verification of AI outputs and organisational readiness, while two panels considered AI in enterprise growth and financial services. The discussions emphasised responsible adoption, effective governance and accountability as AI systems move from generating insights to taking action.

Panel 1 | AI for Enterprise Growth, Innovation and Marketing

The first panel explored how AI is changing marketing, customer expectations and enterprise operating models. Speakers stressed the importance of starting with business problems, preparing people and processes, and using technology to support meaningful transformation.

Panelists

- Oliver Tan
- C. K. Vishwakarma
- Bala Murali Raghavan
- Moderator: Gauri Bhatia — PGP Management (Marketing), Jio Institute

Panel 2 | AI-Driven Future of Finance

The second panel examined AI adoption in financial services, where accuracy, trust and regulation are critical. Speakers discussed risk, governance and human oversight, particularly when autonomous systems influence high-stakes decisions.

Panelists

- Alvin Eng
- Dr James Ong
- Ahmed Muzammil
- Suresh V. Shankar Moderator: Vishwas Mordani

GameForge 2026: AI and the Evolving Landscape of E-Sports

NationalConclave | JioInstitute, incollaborationwith theIndianDigitalGaming Society

GameForge 2026 examined how artificial intelligence is reshaping esports as a technology-driven industry, a creative field and a source of emerging careers. The conclave brought together gaming entrepreneurs, technology experts, educators and students to discuss the expanding ecosystem around competitive play, including tournament production, broadcasting, marketing, content creation and community management. Speakers considered AI applications such as skill-based matchmaking, real-time multilingual commentary and dynamic game environments, while also examining what India needs to develop a skilled esports workforce.

Industry perspectives | The changing gaming ecosystem

Indrajit Ghosh of the Indian Digital Gaming Society outlined the need to treat gaming and esports as a serious industry with opportunities for education, entrepreneurship and investment. Shashank Bandharu of Outfox Gaming explained how AI is already influencing game development and the experience of players and audiences, demonstrating why technical change is also creating new business and creative possibilities.

Speakers

- Indrajit Ghosh — Indian Digital Gaming Society
- Shashank Bandharu — Outfox Gaming

Panel | India's Opportunity: Skilling Beyond Code — Careers in E-Sports

The panel examined career pathways beyond professional gaming, from game design and art to broadcasting, production, marketing and community management. Industry participants identified a gap between enthusiasm for gaming and the specialised skills employers require. They discussed the importance of practical training, industry partnerships, internships and appropriately equipped centres of excellence. The conversation also considered AI as a tool that can accelerate creative and repetitive work while leaving coaching, strategy, team dynamics and player development dependent on human understanding.

Panel moderator and named contributor

- Moderator: Narinder Kapur — Niko Partners
- Vishal Parekh — CyberPowerPC India

Other panelists are not individually identified in the supplied article.

Building Zostel: Community, AI & Travel

Industry Session

In this industry session, Aviral Gupta shared how Zostel developed from an early entrant in India's backpacker-hostel market into a travel and hospitality brand built around community. Drawing on the company's growth, he explained how word-of-mouth, partnerships and a strong product experience can reduce dependence on conventional advertising. The discussion covered Zostel's evolution into differentiated offerings for changing traveller needs, its use of AI to assess franchise locations, and experiments with generative tools and interactive travel experiences. Gupta also addressed career development, contrasting the depth of specialists with the cross-functional perspective needed for leadership.

Speaker

- AviralGupta — Zostel / Zo World

This was aguest industry session rather than a multi-panel conclave.

Academic Year 2025–26

Transforming Data into Digital Strategy

Programme: Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

The conclave examined how businesses can turn advances in artificial intelligence into clear digital strategies rather than isolated technology experiments. Leaders from financial services, enterprise technology and manufacturing discussed the shift from conventional data analysis to generative and agentic AI, and what it takes to integrate these capabilities into everyday decisions. The conversation considered how organisations identify high-value applications, prepare their data and teams, measure results and manage the risks of automation. It also highlighted the importance of leadership commitment, responsible AI practices and human oversight as enterprises scale adoption.

Speakers and participants

- Girish Varadarajan — Innoviti Technologies
- Siddhart Sureka — Motilal Oswal Financial Services
- Shripadraj Mujumdar — Godrej Enterprises Group
- ArpitTiwari (Moderator) — Jio

Tech-Set-Go: Tech, Talent and Transformation in Indian Sports

Programme: Sports Management

The conclave brought together sports administrators, technology entrepreneurs, professional advisers and accomplished athletes for two panels examining different dimensions of India's changing sports ecosystem. Together, the conversations considered both the potential of new technologies to improve sporting outcomes and the support athletes need to build sustainable careers.

Panel 1 | Technology as the Lever for Transforming Indian Sports

This panel examined how video analysis, performance data, digital platforms and other technologies are changing coaching, athlete preparation, scouting, competition management and the experience of fans. Speakers discussed practical applications alongside persistent gaps in infrastructure, coaching and talent identification. The conversation emphasised that technology can improve access and decision-making, but works best when supported by stronger foundations across the sports system.

Panelists

- Viren Rasquinha — Olympic Gold Quest
- Prasanth Shanthakumaran — KPMG
- Sidhhant Agarwal — SportVot
- Moderator: Anirudh Kalia — Jio Institute

Panel 2 | From Sports Field to a Future Career – Is Tech the Answer?

The second panel shifted attention from competition to athletes' lives beyond active sport. Speakers considered the challenges of career transitions, including access to education, professional guidance and employment opportunities. They explored whether technology can help athletes develop new skills and connect with emerging roles in sports administration, business and related sectors. The discussion also highlighted the importance of coordinated support from educational institutions, sports bodies and the private sector.

Panelists

- Heena Sidhu — Olympian
- Preeti Pariat Mehta — Reliance Foundation Youth Sports
- Aarushi Jain — Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
- Moderator: Sanand Mitra — SporTech Innovation Lab

Future Skills: Thriving in a Tech-Driven World

Programme: Artificial Intelligence & Data Science / Cross-programme

This HR-focused conclave brought together leaders from diverse industries to discuss how artificial intelligence, changing workforce expectations and new business models are transforming talent management. Two panels considered the future of hiring and workforce development from complementary perspectives: the capabilities organisations will seek and the cultures they must build to attract and retain talent.

Panel 1 | Strategic Talent in the Age of Transformation

The first panel focused on the transition from hiring for fixed roles to identifying adaptable skills and learning potential. Speakers discussed AI-assisted recruitment, internal talent marketplaces, workforce planning and the expectations of Generation Z employees. The conversation highlighted transparency, purpose and continuous upskilling as important factors in preparing people for changing job requirements.

Panelists

- Shathi Sharma — AJIO
- Nipun Agarwal — Atomberg Technologies
- Shyamkant Mishra — Amdocs

Panel 2 | Building Culture and Agility for the Future

The second panel explored how organisations can remain resilient as industries and technologies evolve. Discussion centred on purpose-driven cultures, employee engagement, adaptability and the growing use of HR analytics to support decisions. Speakers also considered the attitudes and professional capabilities employers value in young graduates, emphasising that technical skills must be accompanied by initiative, communication and willingness to learn.

Panelists

- Abhishek Gupta — ZebPay
- Adhir Mane — Raymond
- Shivadeep Panjwani — Bajaj Finserv
- ShikhaBhatnagar — Noventiq

Convergence 2025: Intelligent Futures — Aligning Talent, Technology & Transformation

Programme: Cross-programme

Convergence 2025 in Singapore brought together industry leaders, entrepreneurs and academics to examine how technological innovation is reshaping work, enterprise and the skills required for the future. Under the theme 'Intelligent Futures: Aligning Talent, Technology & Transformation', the conference addressed advances in generative AI, data science and deep technology, alongside the challenge of preparing people and organisations for rapid change. Its programme highlighted three connected areas: AI and deep-tech innovation, talent development and future skills, and new-age technology start-ups. The gathering encouraged collaboration across industry and academia and connected global perspectives with the learning experience of Jio Institute students. The available programme information does not establish two separately titled panels.

Speakers and participants

- Parminder Singh — Kampd / ClayboxAI
- Suhina Singh — Jonda Health
- Suresh V Shankar — Crayon Data
- DarylPereira — Google Cloud
- NikhilDwarakanath

School Teachers' Conclave: Shaping the Future Together

Programme: Continuing Education / Cross-programme

The School Teachers' Conclave created a forum for school leaders to exchange perspectives on educational leadership and the changing needs of schools. Bringing together more than 100 leaders from over 80 schools, the event encouraged conversations across institutions and opportunities for professional connection. It reflected the Institute's wider engagement with the school education community. The available report does not specify individual panel themes or speakers.

Speakers were not individually identified in the available reports.

Academic Year 2024–25

Harnessing Data for Transformative Sports Consulting and Sustainable Growth

Programme: Sports Management

The Sports Management Conclave examined how data, analytics and artificial intelligence are influencing decisions across the sports industry. Professionals from investment banking, consulting, sports technology and product management discussed applications in talent scouting, athlete performance, fan engagement and the commercial evaluation of sports properties. The conversation explored the use of data to reduce bias in grassroots recruitment, support franchise valuation and make marketing more targeted. It also considered the shift towards predictive and AI-enabled decision-making, while cautioning against adopting technology without a clear sporting or business objective.

Speakers and participants
- Anirbhan Bhar — AW Capital
- Nupur Gupta — Sportz Village
- Akbar Akhtar — PwC India
- Subhayu Roy — CricViz
- Sanand Mitra (Moderator) — Jio Institute

D2C: A New-Age Marketing Giant

Programme: Management

The Marketing Conclave examined how direct-to-consumer businesses build brands, acquire customers and compete with established players. Representatives from consumer brands, retail and marketing discussed the importance of a clear go-to-market strategy, customer loyalty and repeat purchases. The conversation also explored when an offline presence strengthens a digital- first business, how brands can reduce returns and improve customer experience, and where AI and technology can support more efficient growth. The discussion connected brand positioning and consumer insight with the operational realities of building a sustainable D2C business.

Speakers and participants
- Rajat Jadhav — Bold Care
- Aakansha Cheema — Reliance Retail
- Rehan Dadachanji — The Starter Labs
- Praveen Kamath — Bummer

Digital Transformation Using AI: Driving Innovation Across Industries

Programme: Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

This AI & Data Science conclave explored how organisations in different sectors are applying artificial intelligence to redesign processes and improve performance. Technology leaders discussed examples ranging from augmented-reality-enabled manufacturing and virtual automotive experiences to predictive maintenance, connected equipment, personalised financial services and energy optimisation. The panel also considered the management challenge behind digital transformation: choosing the right problems, building a data-driven culture, testing solutions and aligning stakeholders before scaling new technology across an organisation.

Speakers and participants
- Mohit Kapoor — Mahindra & Mahindra
- Mukesh Rathi — Hinduja Group
- Siddhartha Ghosh — CGI
- Mahesh Parab — PwC
- Shailesh Kumar (Moderator / Opening Address) — Reliance Jio

Mastering Marketing in a Digital Landscape: Decoding the Pulse of the Modern Consumer

Programme: Management

The Marketing Conclave explored how changing consumer expectations are reshaping the way brands communicate, sell and build lasting relationships. Speakers from consumer products, retail and supply-chain functions discussed the influence of digital channels, differences in regional and generational buying behaviour, and the need to balance personalisation with a consistent brand identity. The discussion connected customer understanding with product availability, fulfilment and operational responsiveness, showing how marketing success increasingly depends on coordination across business functions.

Speakers and participants

- Narendra Pratap Singh — Samsonite
- Aviral Chopra — Eureka Forbes
- Manish Mittal — Reliance Brands Limited

Bridging the Industry–Academia Divide

Programme: Cross-programme

This discussion connected professionals from financial technology and retail with students to examine the transition from academic learning to workplace expectations. Participants brought industry perspectives on professional readiness and the skills needed to contribute effectively in business environments. The session reinforced the value of direct interaction between employers and students in helping academic preparation respond to changing organisational needs. The available report does not record distinct panel sessions or a more detailed discussion agenda.

Speakers and participants

- Rajeev Kesarwani — Razorpay
- Akshay Goenka — Razorpay
- Bani Khurana — Reliance Retail

Convergence 2024: Building Tomorrow’s Talent — AI, Innovation and the Future of Work

Programme: Cross-programme

Held in Singapore, Convergence 2024 brought together industry leaders, start-up founders, academics and students to examine the impact of AI on business and employment. Under the theme 'AI and the Future of Work', two panels explored complementary aspects of technological change: its adoption across established industries and the new solutions emerging from start-ups. The event also marked the culmination of the international study-abroad module for AI & Data Science and Management students.

Panel 1 | Tech & Transition: Convergence of AI Across Sectors

The first panel examined how AI and automation are transforming established industries, including manufacturing, consumer businesses and consulting. Speakers discussed improvements in operational efficiency, decision-making and customer experience, while stressing the need to connect technical expertise with practical business challenges. The conversation also highlighted the importance of preparing graduates with adaptable, cross-disciplinary skills as organisations rethink processes and job roles.

Panelists

- Manish Pant — Schneider Electric
- Nishchal Khorana — Frost & Sullivan
- Priya Khanna — PepsiCo

Panel 2 | Navigating the Future: Breakthroughs & Perspectives from New-age Start-ups

The second panel turned to entrepreneurial innovation and the ways young companies are applying AI to solve specialised problems. Examples included geospatial mapping, responsible and human- centred AI design, and predictive applications in healthcare. Speakers discussed the opportunities these innovations create alongside questions of privacy, bias, adoption barriers and the need for trustworthy technology.

Panelists

- Gaurav Bubna — NextBillion.ai
- Jeanne Lim — beingAI
- Arun Sethuraman — Crely

Other speakers and participants

- Emmanuel Pillai — Amazon Web Services
- Bidyut Dumra — DBS Bank
- Prantik Mazumdar — TiE Singapore

Academic Year 2023–24

Convergence 2023: Fostering Global Innovation and Collaboration

Programme: Cross-programme

Convergence 2023 brought industry professionals, academics and Jio Institute students together in Singapore at the conclusion of the study-abroad module at Nanyang Technological University. The conference provided a forum to consider how artificial intelligence, data and digital technologies are changing business models and the skills employers require. Discussions connected developments in technology with marketing, media, sport and management, while highlighting the importance of combining technical capabilities with communication, analytical thinking and business understanding. The available report does not identify two distinct panel discussions.

Speakers and participants

- Yonggang Wen — Nanyang Technological University
- Bjoern Kroog — GfK / NIQ
- Unmish Parthasarathi — Picture Board Partners
- Dipak Jain — Jio Institute
- Palak Sheth — Jio Institute
- Neil Parekh (Guest) — Singapore Parliament
- Ameya Abhyankar (Guest) — High Commission of India, Singapore

Navigating the Landscape of Opportunities in the Sports Industry

Programme: SportsManagement

This Sports Management Conclave examined opportunities emerging as India's sports sector becomes more professional, technology-enabled and commercially diverse. It featured two distinct panel discussions: one on consulting and strategic development in sport, and another on marketing, fan engagement and commercial innovation.

Panel 1 | Sports Consulting

The first panel explored how consulting, investment and technology expertise can help strengthen sports organisations and develop the wider ecosystem. Speakers discussed the business case for investing in youth and grassroots sport, the value of systematic talent development and the role of AI and analytics in supporting better decisions. The session illustrated how professional advisory capabilities can contribute to long-term sporting and commercial development.

Panelists

- Abhishek Binaykia — Grant Thornton Bharat
- Indrani Das Blah — Reliance Sports
- Indrnil Choudhury — EY India
- Pranshu Jain — PwC

Panel 2 | Sports Marketing and Innovation

The second panel focused on how sports properties connect with fans and create commercial value. Industry professionals examined the rise of league sports, digital content and changing fan expectations, alongside sponsorship, athlete representation and integrated marketing services. The conversation also explored technology-led experiences, including virtual stadiums and personalised content, and why sports organisations need marketing approaches tailored to their audiences and properties.

Panelists

- Chintan Shah — Sportz Interactive
- Toshan Patil — Meraki Sport & Entertainment
- Hoshedar Gundevia — RISE Worldwide
- PeterSprenger — Techonomy

Embracing AI Disruption — Skill Sets Required in the Changing Workplace

Programme: ArtificialIntelligence&Data Science

The AI conclave considered how artificial intelligence is changing jobs, business processes and the capabilities professionals need to remain relevant. Speakers examined both the opportunities AI creates and the uncertainty surrounding its impact on existing roles. The discussion emphasised continuous learning and the ability to adapt as technologies evolve. It also addressed ethical, policy and regulatory issues, including the importance of updating governance frameworks to keep pace with new applications. The available coverage describes a single panel discussion rather than two separate panels.

Speakers and participants

- Subi Chaturvedi — InMobi
- Samir Shah — PwC
- Arindam Ghosh — Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance
- Raveendra Chittoor (Moderator) — Jio Institute