



8:00 onwards	Registrations & Tea	
9:15	Opening Ceremony & Address by Vaibhav Vardhan, CEO, Inc42	
9:30	The State Of Indian Startup Ecosystem Report Launch By Shri Suresh Prabhu, Mr. TV Mohandas Pai	
10:00	India 2025 (Expert Notes)	<i>The Indian startup ecosystem in 2025 — looking into the opportunities and challenges which will unfold as we grow as an ecosystem and country.</i> TV Mohandas Pai, Chairman, Aarin Capital
10:15	How To Ride A Unicorn	<i>The panel will bring in distinguished founders from India's leading startups built in the 2000-2010 and 2010-2020 decade and will bring a perspective of how the Indian ecosystem's landscape has evolved over the course of time. It will further throw light on the conditions responsible for the rise of India's unicorns and what more can be done to boost and foster this growth.</i> Moderator: Sharad Sharma, Co-Founder, iSPIRT Foundation Manav Garg, CEO & Founder, EKA Software Sanjeev Bikhchandani, Founder, Info Edge Rajesh Yabaji, Founder, Blackbuck Murugavel Janakirama, CEO, Matrimony
11:00	Tea Break	
11:30	The Bull & Bear Of India's VC Investing	<i>The panel will bring together distinguished investors discussing opportunities and challenges of investing in startups in India, how the investing landscape has evolved over time and what's in store over the coming decade.</i> Moderator: Pranay Gupta, Co-Founder, 91Springboard Bejul Somaia, Partner, LightSpeed Venture Partners Anjali Bansal, Founder, Avaana Capital Sid Talwar, Partner, Lightbox Venture Arihant Patni, Managing Director, Ideaspring Capital Sandeep Singhal, Co-Founder, Nexus Venture Partners
12:15	Fireside Chat	
12:40	The State & The Startups	<i>A session on how the state governments are engaging with startups and the role the government is playing in building a robust ecosystem for startups to flourish in their respective states.</i> Moderator: Vaibhav Vardhan, CEO & Co-Founder, Inc42 Media Deep Kalra, CEO, MakeMyTrip
13:00	Networking Lunch	
14:00	The Community Builders	<i>Behind every booming startup hub, there are numerous enablers working tirelessly behind the scenes. This panel will shed light on the role of community builders across the past 2 decades, the gaps and how this participation can be further amplified for the growth of ecosystem.</i> Moderator: Rajat Tandon, President, IVCA Abhishek Gupta, TLabs Padmaja Ruparel, Co-Founder, IAN Srinivas Kollipara, CEO, THub
14:30	Startup India - The Road So Far (Expert Notes)	<i>The presentation will be delivered by Mr. Ramesh Abhishek from DIPP where he shall be sharing how the Startup India plan has helped in the growth of Indian startup ecosystem in the last three years, the next steps and beyond.</i> Ramesh Abhishek, Secretary, DIPP, Govt. of India
14:45	The Rise Of The Soonicorns	<i>Over the past 5 years, India has seen a massive surge in the number of Soonicorns - trailblazers who have rapidly grown to become category creators and industry disruptors. This panel aims to decode the DNA of such companies, their impact on the ecosystem and what lies ahead.</i> Moderator: Pallav Kaushish, Inc42 Media Tarun Mehta, CEO, Ather Energy Abhiraj Bhal, CEO, UrbanClap Srivatsan Chari, Co-Founder, Cleartax
15:15	The Corporate-Startup Connect	<i>In the last two years, the Indian startup ecosystem has seen increased participation of corporates (in terms investments, partnerships & support). The panel will discuss how corporates are engaging with startups, the gaps and how can this participation be further amplified for the growth of ecosystem.</i> Moderator: Murali Talasila, Partner & Innovation Leader, PWC Amit Shah, Group President & Head, Marketing & Corporate Comm, Yes Bank Digbijoy Shukla, Head of Startup Ecosystem, AWS Gaurav Kanwal, Head - SMB & Channel Sales, South Asia, Adobe
15:45	India's Policy Architecture for Innovation (Expert Notes)	<i>A deep dive presentation on platforms or playgrounds - policy architecture for the next decade and its impact on the Indian startup ecosystem, society and economy.</i> Sharad Sharma, Co-Founder, iSPIRT Foundation
16:00	TEA Break	
16:30	The Trillion Dollar Indian Digital Opportunity (Expert Notes)	<i>The presentation will showcase detailed investment trends in the Indian ecosystem so far, an in-depth comparison with other markets like China and SEA and a prediction of the investment landscape in 2022.</i> Karan Sharma, Executive Director, Aventus Capital
16:45	The India-Japan Connect	<i>The panel will bring together distinguished Japanese & Chinese investors investing in the Indian startup ecosystem. The panel aims to discuss the various opportunities Indian ecosystem has to offer and will further also explore how cross-border partnerships and investments will help make the startup ecosystem more robust.</i> Moderator: Rajesh Sawhney, Founder, GSF & Innerchef Hiro Mashita, Director, M&S Partners Mayank Shiromani, VP, Recruit Holdings Hirokazu Nagano, President, KLab Milojko Spajic, Founding Partner, Das Capital Takeshi Ebihara, Founding General Partner, Rebright Partners
17:30	Venture Debt For Emerging India (Expert Notes)	<i>The presentation will showcase the case for venture debt as a complimentary source of funding along with equity funding, and highlight what kind of startups and investors should consider this investment vehicle.</i> Rahul Khanna, Trifecta Capital Advisors
17:40	Fund Launch	
17:50	Fireside Chat	
18:05	Unveiling The 42Next List	
18:15	A New India	<i>The vision for what India could look like with this continued startup-government partnership.</i> Amitabh Kant, CEO, Niti Aayog
18:30	42Next Showcase	
19:00	Announcements & Closing Ceremony	
19:30	Networking & Cocktail Dinner - By Invite Only	

