

## Report on ICT Bridge Conference

ICT Academy hosted the *Bridge-2025, 69th Edition* conference on 13 November 2025 at The Leela Palace, Hyderabad. The event united policymakers, industry leaders, and academic experts to discuss strategies for empowering Gen Z with AI-driven skills and strengthening their global competence, while highlighting the need to invest in people to ensure sustainable and resilient economic growth.

Mr. V. Srikanth, CEO of ICT Academy, delivered the keynote address highlighting the growing relevance of AI competencies and global readiness. He also presented the welcome address titled “*Empowering Tomorrow: AI, Skills, and Global Competence.*”

The conference was graced by Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Hon'ble Minister for IT & Digital Services, Government of Tamil Nadu, who participated as the chief guest of honor.

During the discussions, insights were shared on global economic trends, the need to enhance quality of work life, and the role of institutional placement support in bridging the gap between academia and industry. Mr. PNSV Narasimham, President of Cyient, emphasized the necessity for educational institutions to align with AI-driven skill demands and to collaborate with industry experts to help students develop strong global competencies.

Several prominent industry partners—including Micron Technologies, Snowflake, Oracle, MongoDB, Crystal Delta, and Kasturi Drones—also took part in the event. Their representatives presented the student training initiatives offered by their organizations and provided an overview of the current placement landscape, giving participants valuable insights into emerging industry expectations.

The Placement Committee of Sardar Patel College attended the conference and received the *Best Supportive and Appreciation Award* for the institution's proactive engagement with ICT Academy initiatives. Furthermore, the college's Placement Coordinator, **Mrs. M.Rajini**, was recognized with the *Best Placement Coordinator Award* for her exemplary contributions to student development and placement activities.

