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INVOKED Leadership Summit REPORT

Organized by: ShikshaLokam

Event Link: <https://shikshalokam.org/invoked/>

Date: 6-7th February, 2026

Venue: Prestige Center of Performing Arts, Bangalore

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1. Introduction

On 6th Feb, my friends and I attended the INVOKED Leadership Summit organized by ShikshaLokam—a platform dedicated to empowering youth and aspiring leaders. The summit brought together founders, entrepreneurs, and young professionals, providing an environment for networking, learning, and personal development.

2. Purpose of Achievement

Our primary reasons for attending the event were:

- To gain insights on leadership from experienced founders.
- To expand our network with professionals and peers.
- To understand real-world challenges and success stories from startup founders.
- To enhance our interpersonal and communication skills through social interaction.



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3. Event Experience

Networking

One of the most valuable aspects of the event was the opportunity to interact with a diverse group of founders, entrepreneurs, and like-minded peers. We engaged in meaningful conversations, exchanged ideas, and made new professional connections that could benefit our future endeavors.

Sessions and Presentation

One of the most engaging segments of the event was the Leadership Spotlights, which featured inspiring lightning talks by accomplished leaders from diverse fields. This session stood out for its authenticity, real-life experiences, and practical leadership insights.

We especially appreciated how the speakers shared personal leadership journeys, highlighting both successes and challenges. The talks emphasized that leadership is not about position or authority, but about impact, responsibility, and continuous learning.

- A workshop on leadership challenges in early entrepreneurship.
- Panel discussions where founders shared insights into team building and resilience.

Each session enriched our understanding of leadership styles and encouraged us to think beyond academic success.

Group Interaction

The event fostered an open atmosphere for peer collaboration. We participated in group discussions, shared our own leadership experiences, and learned from others' journeys. These interactions were enjoyable and educational.

4. Skills and Insights Gained

Through the event, we were able to:

- Improve communication and networking skills.
- Understand founder mindsets and startup culture.
- Learn strategies for effective leadership and team management.
- Gain confidence in presenting ourselves professionally.
- Build a broader perspective of career possibilities beyond traditional pathways.

Highlights

- Meeting founders from diverse industries.
- Real conversations about failures, lessons, and success.
- Connections that could evolve into mentorship or collaboration.
- A better grasp of what leadership looks like in real-world scenarios.



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5. Conclusion

Attending the INVOKED Leadership Summit was a highly enriching experience. The event exceeded our expectations by combining insightful sessions with valuable networking opportunities. We left feeling motivated, confident, and better equipped with leadership knowledge. This experience has inspired us to be more proactive in pursuing leadership roles and future professional goals.

6. Photos





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