

Campus to Career Summit 2026, Bangalore, India

Athena GESDA was honoured to participate in the inaugural Campus to Career Summit 2026 in Bangalore, a landmark government-led initiative bringing together policymakers, higher education leaders, industry representatives and technology stakeholders to advance workforce readiness and the future of higher education across Karnataka.

The summit convened more than 700 participants and highlighted Karnataka's position as one of India's leading centres for innovation, technology investment, Global Capability Centres (GCCs) and startup growth. Discussions focused on the evolving relationship between education and industry, with particular emphasis on employability, AI readiness, curriculum relevance, internationalisation and cross-sector collaboration.

Founder & CEO, Andreea Willmott, contributed to strategic conversations exploring how higher education institutions can better prepare future-ready graduates and strengthen global engagement opportunities.

The event provided a valuable platform for collaboration between government, academia and industry, reinforcing Athena GESDA's commitment to supporting institutions through international partnerships, workforce development initiatives and innovative approaches to higher education transformation.


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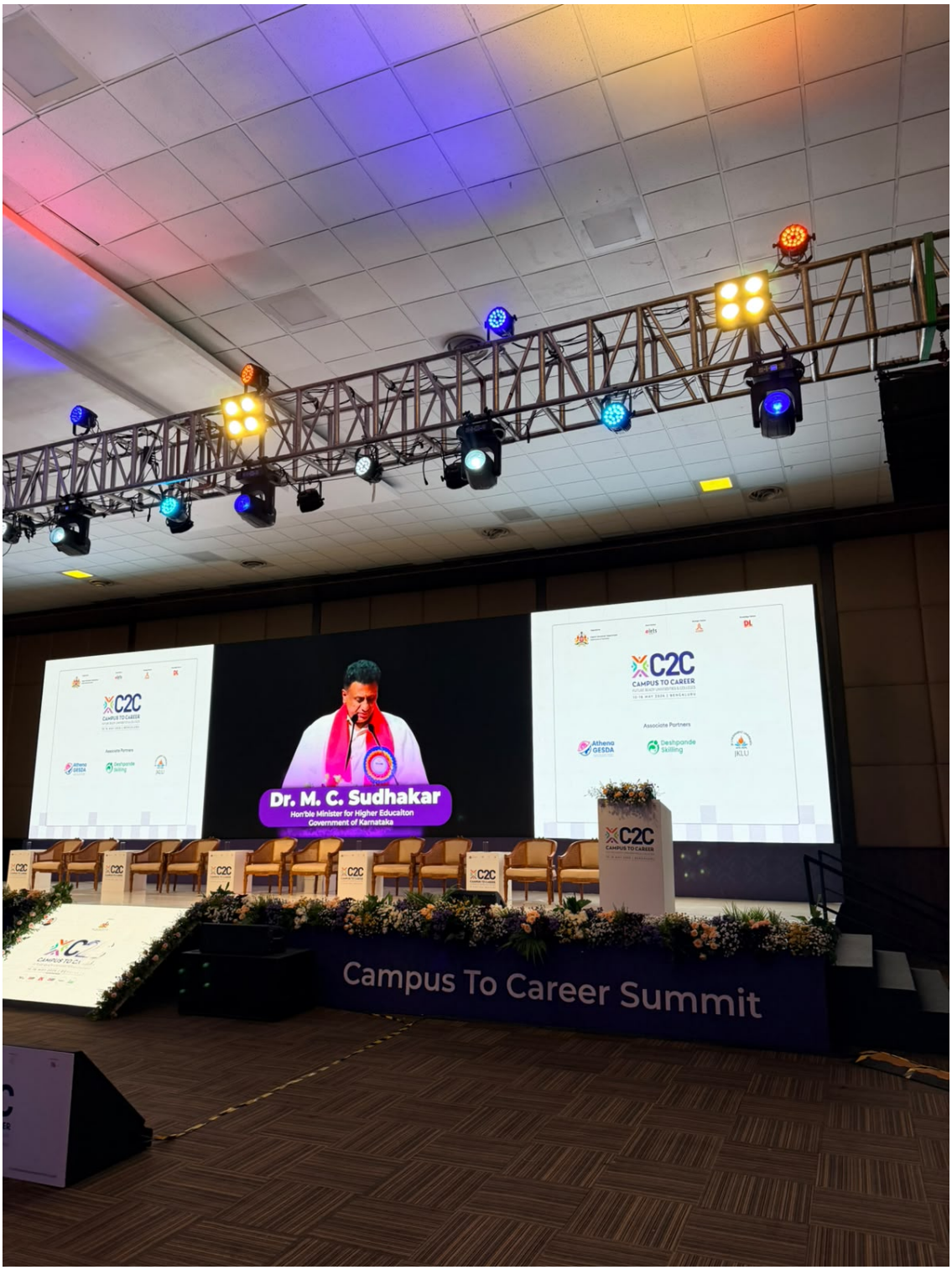
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