

Entrepreneur Ignite Summit (EIS): COMSNETS 2026

Igniting Entrepreneurial Journeys: From Ideas to Ecosystem Impact

Message from the Chairs

Welcome to the Entrepreneur Ignite Summit (EIS) at COMSNETS 2026, an integrated forum designed to nurture early-stage entrepreneurial thinking and strengthen the ecosystem that enables ideas to mature into impactful ventures.

Entrepreneurship today sits at the intersection of research, technology, policy, capital, and industry. In India, this intersection presents both immense opportunity and deep complexity. While ideas and innovation are abundant, translating them into sustainable ventures requires more than individual effort — it demands a coherent, enabling ecosystem.

EIS is conceived as a human-scale, founder-first summit that brings together founders, students, researchers, industry leaders, investors, and policymakers into a shared conversation. Rather than focusing on speed, scale, or pitch-driven outcomes, the summit emphasizes clarity, judgment, and long-term thinking — qualities essential for building ventures that endure.

The program has been intentionally designed as a single-track experience that mirrors the entrepreneurial journey itself. Through founder stories, fireside conversations, and integrated ecosystem discussions, participants will explore how ideas take shape, how ventures engage with institutions and markets, and how ecosystems collectively enable progress from vision to execution.

EIS is closely aligned with the mission of CEEDS — the Council for Entrepreneurship Enablement, Decarbonization & Sustainability. CEEDS works to build entrepreneurship-led ecosystems that address complex challenges across technology, climate, and society. The summit serves as an entry point into this broader journey, inviting participants to reflect not only on what they are building, but also on the systems that support — or constrain — meaningful innovation.

We extend our sincere thanks to all speakers, panelists, moderators, and contributors, as well as to the COMSNETS Association, for their continued support. As you engage in today's discussions, we encourage you to listen deeply, share openly, challenge assumptions, and explore pathways for collaboration that extend well beyond the summit.

We hope the Entrepreneur Ignite Summit stimulates thoughtful dialogue, fosters durable connections, and strengthens our collective capacity to build ventures — and ecosystems — that create lasting impact.

Sincerely,

Summit Co-Chairs

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