
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ♦ July 22 – 28, 2026

♦ EDITOR'S PICK



♦ FEATURED INTERVIEW

MR. HIMANSHU NIVSARKAR, SENIOR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT &
HEAD – CSR & ESG, KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK

**How Kotak Mahindra Bank Is Helping Women Entrepreneurs
Move from Intent to Scale**

"India's startup story has expanded rapidly over the last decade, but the journey from entrepreneurship to enterprise remains uneven, particularly for women founders navigating limited networks, social expectations and unequal access to opportunities."

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SWAMI PREM PARIVARTAN (PEEPAL BABA), FOUNDER,
GIVE ME TREES TRUST

Beyond Plantation: Peepal Baba on Restoring India's Ecosystems Through Trees, Water and Community Action

*"Environmental conservation is no longer limited to
planting saplings, it demands a deeper commitment
to restoring entire ecosystems."*

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Interview



Every child who learns today
brings India one step closer to a
brighter and more inclusive
tomorrow.

Mr. Balachander N V

Director, Ashok Leyland Foundation



Ashok Leyland Foundation on Why Scaling FLN Requires Stronger Systems, Not Just Better Classrooms

MR. BALACHANDER N
V, DIRECTOR, ASHOK
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Empowering Women Through Skills: How PNB MetLife is Building Sustainable Livelihoods

MR. SOURABH LOHTIA,
CHIEF MARKETING &
COMMUNICATIONS
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METLIFE

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From Learning to Livelihoods: ChildFund India's Vision for Empowering India's Children and Youth

MR. ANAND
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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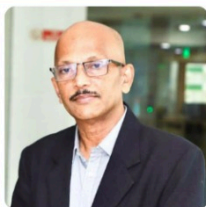
Achieving Foundational Literacy & Numeracy at Scale:

What Will It Take to Meet India's NIPUN Bharat Goals



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Program Director, Early Childhood Programs
Pratham Education Foundation



Robin Sarkar
Director - Shiksha and Dadri
Development Program
Shiv Nadar Foundation

Knowledge Partner



Format: Virtual Roundtable



Duration: 45 – 60 minutes



Date: July 23, 2026



Timing: 3:30 – 04:30 pm

◆ SICA '26 JURY MEMBERS



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Motihari, Bihar



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Economics; Former Director,
IRMA, Gokhale Institute of
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◆ LATEST NEWS



Medhavi Skills University Launches 'Skills First India Leadership Dialogue' on World Youth Skills Day

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Smile Foundation Strengthens Leadership Team with Three Senior Appointments

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Taj Palace, New Delhi Launches Paathya Green Studio to Inspire One Lakh Green Gestures

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Dr. Neha Sharma
Head - CSR & Sustainability
Leading FMCG Company



◆ SUCCESS STORIES



An Ashram That Shows Lost Lives the Way Back Home

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SKILLING

Building India's Future Workforce: Why CSR Must Lead the Shift from Skilling to Sustainable Livelihoods

India stands at a defining moment in its demographic journey. Home to one of the world's largest youth populations, the country possesses an unprecedented opportunity to transform its demographic dividend into sustained economic growth and global competitiveness.

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SUSTAINABILITY

How Fabric Care Can Strengthen India's Circular Fashion Economy

As India positions itself as a global textile powerhouse, the challenge of managing the growing mountain of post-consumer textile waste is becoming impossible to ignore.

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