## A BRIEF ABOUT SOME OF THE SPEAKERS WHO WOULD BE GRACING YLS 2015

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| Admiral_Ravi.jpg | **Vice Admiral Ravi N Ganesh (Retd)**  Vice Admiral Ravi N Ganesh (Retd) retired from the **Navy** after **40 years of service** in 2002. He is currently on the **adjunct faculty** at the National Institute of Advanced Studies and the Director of the Asia Centre, Bangalore.  His sea commands included **conventional submarines**, the first Indian Nuclear Submarine **INS Chakra** and the aircraft carrier **INS Vikrant.** After promotion to Flag rank he served as Flag Officer (Submarines), Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet, Director General, Indian Coast Guard, and Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command. After retirement from active service Vice Admiral Ganesh headed the Indian nuclear submarine building program for four years.  He would be speaking on ***Strategy in the context of National Security and Economic Development in the backdrop of the new government’s Make in India initiative*** |
| PC_Narayan_pic.jpg | **Prof. P C Narayan**  Prof. Narayan is a **faculty member** in the **Finance & Control Area** at **IIMB** since **2003** with specific focus on banking, financial markets, international finance and risk management. He has a rich and varied experience in the **banking industry**. Prior to joining IIMB, he was with a **private sector bank** in India with management responsibility for retail banking, operations and information technology. And prior to that, he was with a **multinational bank** for several years, based overseas, and a global banking technology company also based overseas. Having travelled to **over 40 countries** and having implemented projects in 20 different countries, he brings a unique cross-cultural perspective and a breadth of global experience.  His **areas of interest and expertise** include risk management, financial markets, international finance, payment systems, regulation and monetary policy, micro-finance and technology related to banking and financial markets. He is Chairperson of ERP implementation at IIMB. He was also a member of the **UID Advisory Group** that formulated the contours of the 'Aadhar' project in India. |
| RG_pic.jpg | **Mr. Rakesh Godhwani**   |  | | --- | | After spending amazing formative years in great organizations in the High-Tech space like **Wipro**, **Intel** and **Qualcomm**, doing different roles in sales, product marketing and business development, Rakesh realized that his passion is to make other's reach their maximum potential and help fulfill their dreams. Nothing gives him more satisfaction than shaping the young minds and learning from them. Teaching has been his passion over the last **15 years.** Rakesh’s goal is to create a fun-filled learning environment and create effective communicators and leaders who can persuade and motivate people to action.  Rakesh currently heads IIM Bangalore Alumni Association, coaches entrepreneurs in the hi-tech space and is an Adjunct Faculty at **IIM Bangalore**. Rakesh’s **first book “[Plunnge](http://www.pluunge.com)”** [[FB](http://www.facebook.com/plunnge)] was released in July 2011. His second book **"Seek: Finding your True Calling"** was published by **Random House India** and released in July 2013. His latest book **“What to Say and when to Shut Up!”** was released in November 2014. More details on his two latest books can be found on his [blog](http://rakeshgodhwani.wordpress.com).  He is currently pursuing his PhD on Leadership Communication from **Cardiff Metropolitan University UK**. | |  |  | |
| sameer-pitalwalla.png | |  | | --- | | **Mr. Sameer Pitalwalla (CEO, Culture Machine)**  Sameer Pitalwalla, a graduate of University of Westminster co-founded **Culture Machine** in early 2013 along with Venkat Prasad with a vision to create engaging a digital video company that creates entertainment for the internet generation. Prior to the inception of Culture Machine, Sameer headed the digital media business at **Disney UTV** and has also been the one responsible to setup and build the digital video business at the **Times Group.**  While working with the Times Group, Sameer built the video business there with the launch of the **first YouTube channel** in the country and made it **No.1** in terms of viewership for three years. During his stint with Disney UTV, Sameer was responsible for building the digital media business for the entertainment channels in the company’s broadcasting portfolio, the mobile app business as well as getting all of Disney’s properties to leadership positions in social media.  With his current venture, the purpose has been to create state of the art digital video productions for brands and consumers alike by identifying and engaging with the right audience, and Sameer hopes to influence generations of South Asian audiences with cutting edge story telling. | |