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SESSION 01 | 10:45 AM - 11:35 AM

DAY 01

THEME

BUILDING THE STARTUP MINDSET & GETTING YOUR IDEA OFF THE GROUND



SPEAKERS

NOUREEN AYSHA
(CO-FOUNDER, FEMISAFE)

NASEEF NEERUTTICHALI
(FOUNDER & CEO, FLAVORS DE KERALA)

THAJUDEEN ABOOBAKER
(FOUNDER & CEO, URBAN TRASH)

MODERATOR

RAHUL RAGHAV
(CO-FOUNDER, TNT VENTURE STUDIO)

THEME

DIGITAL MEDIA, SMART CONTENT & MEDIA STRATEGY

SPEAKERS



VA SHRIKUMAR

(FILM MAKER, AD FILM DIRECTOR)

HARIS ABOOBACKER

(DIRECTOR, HARIS&CO/ HACA)

MODERATOR

MUHAMMED NISHANT NIZAR

(CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER, THE LOGO BRAND)

SESSION 03 | 1:10 PM - 2:00 PM

DAY 01

THEME

KERALA TO THE WORLD: BUILDING MILLION DOLLAR TECH BUSINESS



SPEAKERS

ASLAM ABBAS
(CO FOUNDER, MICRO COMPANY)

JOSEPH SUNNY
(CO-FOUNDER, BUY ME A COFFEE)

SALEEH K
(CEO, APPMAKER.XYZ)

MODERATOR

SHAN ABDUL SALAM
(FOUNDER THE ECOM SHOW)

SESSION 04 | 2:10 PM - 2:50 PM

DAY 01

THEME

ENTERING THE MIDDLE EAST: BUILDING BUSINESSES BEYOND BORDERS

SPEAKERS



ABDUSSAMED KARI
(MANAGING DIRECTOR, SMBG GROUP)

FAISAL CP
(MANAGING DIRECTOR, V PERFUMES)

MUHAMMED SHUHAIB
(MANAGING DIRECTOR, UNIQUE WORLD GROUP)

SUFIYAN
(CEO SINAISPARK BUSINESS CONSULTING)



MODERATOR
CS MUHAMMED SAHAL K
(PRACTICING COMPANY SECRETARY)

SESSION 05 | 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

DAY 01

THEME

LEARNING TO LEAD: EDUCATION MODELS FOR BUSINESS SUCCESS

SPEAKERS



FAISAL P SYED
(FOUNDER & ACADEMIC DEAN, THE B SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL)

MOHAMMED AJMAL C
(FOUNDER & CEO, XANDY LEARNING)

M VAHEED ALI
(IQAC DIRECTOR, ALIMS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS)

FAIZ NARKASHI
(VICE PRINCIPAL, CALIPH LIFE SCHOOL)

MODERATOR
AMBRAS KT
(FOUNDER, EDEX LIFE SCHOOL)

SESSION 06 | 4:10 PM - 5:00 PM

DAY 01

THEME

RUNNING THE SHOW: OPERATIONS, SYSTEMS & PEOPLE MANAGEMENT



SPEAKERS

JISHNU PV

(FOUNDER & CEO, ELANCE)

RAMEEZ MOIDU

(EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KRS)

SREEJITH KUMAR

(COO, MAKE YOUR OWN PERFUME (MYOP))

MODERATOR

AJAS HYZER

(EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SKILLVERSITY)

SESSION 07 | 5:10 PM - 6:00 PM

DAY 01

THEME

PASSION AND SKILLS TO STARTUPS: TURNING TALENTS INTO INCOME



SPEAKERS

MURSHID BASHEER
(FOUNDER, BANDIUDS PITSTOP)

MOHAMMED ALFAN
(FOUNDER, ROWS & COLUMNS)

RAMSHINA MAHMOOD
(FOUNDER, REFORM MEDIA)

MODERATOR

FAIZ NARKASHI
(VICE PRINCIPAL, CALIPH LIFE SCHOOL)

SESSION 08 | 10:00 AM - 10:40 AM

DAY 02

THEME

BUILDING BRANDS THAT SELL

SPEAKERS



AFTHAB RAHMAN

(FOUNDER-360 MARKETING SCHOOL, EX INTERVAL-GROWTH MANAGER)

LAEEQ ALI

(CO-FOUNDER, BLOOMBOX BRAND ENGINEER & ORGAMI CREATIVES)

SESSION 09 | 11:05 AM - 11:55 AM

DAY 02

THEME

THE STARTUP ROADMAP EVERY FOUNDER MUST KNOW

SPEAKERS



ADV (CS) HASHIM WAFA

(CORPORATE LAWYER & IP ATTORNEY)

CA AJMAL MUHAJIR

(CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT)

CS MUHAMMED SAHAL K

(PRACTICING COMPANY SECRETARY)

SESSION 10 | 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

DAY 02

THEME

SCALING BIG FROM KOZHIKODE: FROM VISION TO WORLD CLASS EXECUTION

SPEAKERS



AJIL MUHAMMED

(CEO, HILITE GROUP)

CA AJMAL MUHAJIR

(CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT)

SESSION II | 12:40 PM - 1:25 PM

DAY 02

THEME
**BUILDING SCALABLE
LEARNING BUSINESSES**

SPEAKERS



ORWELL LIONEL
(FOUNDER, CHAIRMAN & MD, IIC LAKSHYA)

RAMEES ALI CK
(CO-FOUNDER, CRAV, INTERVAL)

MODERATOR
ANEEES POOVATHI
(FOUNDER & CEO, AIFER EDUCATION)

SESSION 12 | 1:55 PM - 2:45 PM

DAY 02

THEME

HOW TO BUILD & GROW AN ONLINE BUSINESS



SPEAKERS

HUDAIF KV

(MARKETER, FOUNDER - COA ACADEMY)

SHAN ABDUL SALAM

(FOUNDER THE ECOM SHOW)

FATHIMA YAHYA

(FOUNDER, THAVVA - JEWELLERY & LIFESTYLE BRAND)

MODERATOR

AKHIL JIJO

(FOUNDER - COLLABO DIGITAL, GROWOOX AD)

SESSION 13 | 03:10 PM - 03:50 PM

DAY 02

THEME

THE FOUNDER'S MINDSET: FROM PROBLEM TO PRODUCT

SPEAKERS



MATHEW JOSEPH

(COO & CO-FOUNDER, FRESH TO HOME)

DR AMJAD WAFA

(FOUNDER & DIRECTOR, CALIPH LIFE SCHOOL)

SESSION 14 | 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

DAY 02

THEME

THE BUSINESS OF FOOD



SPEAKERS

AZHAR MOUZY

(FOUNDER- MOUZY, COOLCANE, POTTO POMME & SHIRAN CAFE)

MINHAJ MUHAMMED

(MIN.THEFOODIE)

ARUN PADIPOYIL

(CO-FOUNDER, EKATA COFFE)

MODERATOR

KAIF MUHAMMED

(FOUNDER - ZEE CHAI, ZEE SIP)

SESSION 14 | 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

DAY 02

THEME

TECH, AI & DISRUPTIVE INNOVATION FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS



SPEAKERS

JAIZAL ALI

(FOUNDER - REDTEAM HACKER ACADEMY)

UMER ABDUSSALAM

(CEO EDAPT)

IRSHAD KK

(FOUNDER & CEO, BAIRRUHATECH, AISOTOP, SEMIKOLEN)

MODERATOR

MUHAMMED GULAM PP

(CO - FOUNDER, INAX INNOVATION, FILLUP STORIES)