



*Launch &
Discussion on*

AI

*For the Rest
of Us*

An Illustrated Introduction

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THURSDAY

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

MMA Management Center



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SYNOPSIS

AI is reshaping our world. This book is your practical guide to understanding it - so you can stay relevant, work smarter, and prepare for what's next- no technical background required.

We're living through a transformation as profound as electricity or the printing press, yet AI often feels more like hype than help. *AI for the Rest of Us* explains AI with clear language, vivid illustrations, and humor. Veteran AI researcher Sairam Sundaresan unpacks machine learning, natural language, vision, and recommender systems, showing how they drive the tech we use daily.

You'll learn how AI works, where it appears, and how to make smarter choices about its role in your life and work. In two parts, the book moves from core concepts to real applications while cutting myths and stripping away buzzwords.

PROGRAMME

5:15 PM Registration & Hi-Tea

6:00 PM Welcome & Introductory Remarks

Mr S Seetharaman

Vice President MMA &
Chairman, Super Auto Forge Pvt Ltd

Launch of the book and Address by the Author

Mr Sairam Sundaresan

AI Engineering Leader &
Author of AI for the Rest of Us

Special Invitees in conversation with the Author

Mr Suresh Raman

Past President, MMA &
Former Vice President & Regional Head
Tata Consultancy Services Chennai

Mr Antony Prashant

Partner
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt Ltd

Q&A

7:25 PM Vote of Thanks

Gp Capt R Vijayakumar (Retd), VSM

Executive Director
Madras Management Association

7:30 PM End of the Program

PROFILE



Mr Sairam Sundaresan

AI Engineering Leader &
Author of AI for the Rest of Us

Mr Sairam Sundaresan is a seasoned Machine Learning Research Scientist with over 14 years of experience in the tech industry. He currently spearheads advanced AI projects at Valeo, managing a large team of researchers who teach automobiles to understand the world around them. Before this, he pioneered research at Intel Labs centered on deep learning algorithms, specifically algorithm-hardware co-design and multimodal models.

He began his career at Qualcomm as a Senior Machine Learning Engineer. Sairam's work on the development of Qualcomm's FastCV library, Touch to Track, and real-time 3D reconstruction on mobile devices earned significant recognition and was featured in Forbes. Some of this technology found its way into consumer devices.

His research work has earned him several patents and led to numerous publications.

An educator at heart, Sairam has served as a Machine Learning Lead and Mentor at the Frontier Development Lab (collaboration with NASA) since 2019. During this time, he has led projects on understanding the Sun, focusing on Starspots, Solar Wind, and reconstructing its surface. The teams he mentored have achieved significant recognition, with their work accepted at high-profile conferences such as NeurIPS.

Passionate about making complex concepts accessible, Sairam created "Gradient Ascent," a weekly newsletter to demystify AI even for non-technical audiences. His skill at breaking down complex jargon has enabled a wide range of people to engage with the world of AI, from product managers at top tech companies to CEOs and analysts at premier VC funds.

Sairam is an alumnus of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, from where he holds a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering: Systems. There, he specialized in Computer Vision, Signal Processing, and Machine Learning. This academic foundation underpins his work, enabling him to integrate practical applications with a robust understanding of theoretical principles.

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Mr Suresh Raman

Past President, MMA &
Former Vice President & Regional Head
Tata Consultancy Services Chennai

Mr Suresh is the Former Vice President and Region Head of TCS Chennai (the largest set up for TCS), which has over 95,000 associates. He has held International leadership positions in:

Pre-sales: Head of Large Strategic Outsourcing Deals for a key vertical

Contracts: Negotiated very large deals

Geography Head Sales & Delivery: Region Director for Central Europe (Germany & Austria)

Delivery: Global Delivery Head of cluster of strategic accounts servicing large global clients

Delivery Center Operations: As Head of a Region with over 95,000 associates, is accountable for all activities w.r.t. Regional HR, Talent Transformation, IT Infrastructure and General Administration

Experience includes:

- a) Guiding large digital transformation programs as Delivery Head for his accounts
- b) Incubation of many strategic accounts and new geographies

With a Masters in Management Studies from BITS Pilani, he had commenced with Business Consulting in Price Waterhouse, before joining TCS Management Consulting Division and has advised large companies and Government.

Roles in Industry Associations:

- a) President of the Madras Management Association (MMA), which was awarded the Best Management Association in India
- b) Member of the Board and Executive Council Member at the Indo-Australian Chamber of Commerce
- c) Chairman of CII CONNECT for 2 years (2019 and 2020), a premier ICT event organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII); jointly hosted by Government of Tamil Nadu and STPI (a body of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India
- d) Elected Member of General Council in Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)

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Mr Antony Prashant

Partner

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt Ltd

Antony is a Partner at Deloitte and has over 20 years of consulting and industry experience, He is also the Life-sciences and Healthcare Consulting Leader for the Deloitte South Asia.

His areas of expertise include managing large transformation projects focusing on profitability enhancement, technology roll outs and value chain synchronization.

His recent initiatives involve conceptualizing digital and AI interventions for the pharma, healthcare and consumer business sectors focusing on tech enabled growth and value chain collaboration. He is also part of various industry committees, where industry stalwarts come together and support in shaping the industry for the future. He also has considerable policy experience, especially in assisting the Indian government in further developing the pharma and health-care industry.

He was actively involved with various State Governments and Industry players during the pandemic, in uplifting healthcare infrastructure in specific rural regions and has been working with organizations to enhance the vaccine distribution infrastructure.

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Mr S Seetharaman

Vice President MMA &
Chairman, Super Auto Forge Pvt Ltd

Mr. S. Seetharaman, Chairman of Super Auto Forge Private Limited (SAF), Chennai, after his graduation as a Mechanical Engineer joined L&T and worked there for a few years. In 1970 he started a small Machining company. Subsequently he established Super Auto Forge (SAF) in the year 1974. He is the first Entrepreneur in India to establish the Cold Forging Technology for manufacture of Auto Components.

SAF today has five manufacturing Plants in and around Chennai. SAF is the largest exporter of Cold & Warm forged Steel & Aluminium parts in India with the annual sales exceeding Rs.1600 Crores, employing over 1900 persons. About 75% of SAF Production (Rs.1400 Crores) is exported to Automotive Original Equipment Manufacturers in USA & Europe. Besides, SAF supplies a variety of parts and assemblies for the defense sector.

He has successfully transitioned the business to the second generation and currently acting as 'Mentor'.

Seetharaman and his wife Radha are currently focused on community service thru' their Family Trust, mainly focused on 'Health' and 'Education' to the deprived. Another area of focus is on support to children afflicted by 'Autism' and such other disorders, which is worryingly on the on the raising trend in India.

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