

Draft Press Release

Babson Global Summit 2025 commends Mahindra University – Major Award and Advisory Role Announced

The university's entrepreneurship centre head, Dr Rajkumar Phatate, was felicitated with 'Member of the Year' and inducted as an Advisor to the Babson Collaborative.

Hyderabad/New Delhi/Paris, April xxx, 2025 | Mahindra University has been inducted into the Babson Collaborative Circle of Influence at the recent Babson Collaborative Global Summit held at EDC Paris Business School April 6-9, 2025. The theme for this year's summit was "The Power of Global Entrepreneurship Education: Cultivating Innovation through Collaboration". It brought together 74 educators from 29-member institutions across 21 countries. The event served as a platform to explore how innovative teaching methods, impactful research, and strategic collaborations can drive meaningful change. Massachusetts, USA-based Babson College has hosted this annual event for eight years.

Dr. Rajkumar Phatate, Professor and Head of Mahindra University's Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CEI), was awarded 'Member of the Year 2025' and inducted as an Advisor to the Babson Collaborative.

Speaking on the achievement, Dr Yajulu Medury, Vice Chancellor of Mahindra University, said, "We are deeply honoured by the recognition from Babson Collaborative, which reaffirms our commitment to fostering entrepreneurial mindsets and global collaboration. The 'Circle of Influence' award is a testimony to the efforts of our faculty and leadership in building a future-focused innovation ecosystem at Mahindra University."

Dr. Amir Reza, Dean of the Babson Academy and Global Education Babson College, said "Dr. Rajkumar Phatate has been an invaluable member of the Babson Collaborative, consistently demonstrating his commitment to advancing entrepreneurship education and his dedication to the mission and values of the Collaborative. We are thrilled to recognize his outstanding contributions, volunteer service, and active participation with the 2025 Member of the Year Award as well as his induction onto the Advisory Board. We are also delighted to welcome Mahindra University into the Circle of Influence, a reflection of the demonstrated collaboration, engagement, impact and leadership of Dr. Phatate and other members of the Mahindra community."

Dr. Rajkumar Phatate added, "Being named 'Member of the Year' and joining the Advisory Board is humbling. It reflects Mahindra University's relentless pursuit of innovation, collaboration, and

excellence in entrepreneurship education. I look forward to working even more closely with global peers to shape the future of entrepreneurial learning.”

With 30 speakers representing 11 member institutions from seven countries, the summit featured presentations of best practices in curricular and co-curricular learning. It also included insights into the host institution and its local entrepreneurial ecosystem. Speakers and participants contributed to thought leadership in their respective fields and engaged in informal discussions on future collaborative opportunities.

The next Babson Collaborative Global Summit, a beacon of global collaboration in entrepreneurship education, is eagerly anticipated. Scheduled for 19-22 April 2026 in Córdoba, Argentina, and hosted by Universidad Siglo 21, it promises to be a platform for even greater innovation and collaboration.

About Mahindra University:

Mahindra University, Hyderabad (India), is a multidisciplinary, private university with a vision of "Educating future citizens for and of a better world". It aims to play a significant role in driving globally acclaimed innovation in higher education in the coming years. Mahindra University's special focus is on generating new knowledge through engagement in cutting-edge research, creating a spirit of research and discovery, experiential learning and entrepreneurship, whilst forging collaborations with industry and global academic institutions. The university is backed by Mahindra Educational Institutions (MEI), a subsidiary of Tech Mahindra Ltd., the flagship IT company of the Mahindra Group, a US \$20.3 billion industrial entity that employs more than 2,56,000 employees across 100 countries.