

T A L K O N

From Vision to Venture: The Journey of Building a Tech Startup

Friday, 26 September 2025
5:00 pm to 6:15 pm

SONA PG AUDITORIUM
SONA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, SALEM

PROGRAMME

04:30 PM	Registration & Tea	
05:00 PM	Welcome Address	Dr Sasikumar Devaraj Co-Chairman MMA Salem Chapter
05:05 PM	Introductory Remarks	Mr Venugopal Vice President, Sona Star Innovation & Dean, Sona School of Management
05:10 PM	Introduction of the Speaker	Mr T Soundararajan Co-Chairman MMA Salem Chapter
05:15 PM	Address by the Speaker	Mr Karunakaran C S Founder & CEO, Pullinam Aerospace Technologies (P) Ltd & Secretary General, Institute of Aeronautics Astronautics and Aviation (IAAA)
06:00 PM	Q & A	
06:10 PM	Vote of Thanks	Dr P K Anjani Co-Chairman, MMA Salem Chapter

SPEAKER



KARUNAKARAN C S

C. S. Karunakaran is the Founder & CEO of Pullinam Aerospace Technologies (P) Ltd and a distinguished leader in aerospace innovation, education, and technical mentorship. With over two decades of experience across academia, industry, and professional forums, he has played a pivotal role in advancing aerospace research and student development in India.

He has served in leadership roles such as Director of MIT Kerala, Incubator Head at Saveetha School of Engineering, and Student Project Officer at Hindustan Innovation Factory. As a long-time academic, he has guided thousands of engineering students as an Assistant Professor at Hindustan University. He is also the Secretary General of the Institute of Aeronautics Astronautics and Aviation (IAAA) and a former Executive Council Member of AeSI Chennai Branch, contributing significantly to professional bodies like SAEINDIA.

Karunakaran’s initiatives include mentoring JHATAYU – Asia’s First Flying Bike startup, organizing nationwide aerospace events, and delivering keynote lectures with ISRO, DRDO, and NASA dignitaries. Recognized by global leaders, including Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and NASA astronauts, he has received multiple awards for his extraordinary contributions to aerospace education, innovation, and societal impact.

