AI & Big Data Retreat
AI for Now and Tomorrow: From Hype to High-Impact Execution
How CXOs can lead intelligent transformation for sustainable competitive advantage
8 – 10 February 2026: La Estoria by Taj Group, Goa

AGENDA

Day 1 – Sunday, 8 February 2026

1645 – 1730 hrs — *Registration with Welcome Tea/Coffee*

1730 – 1830 hrs
Opening Session

The Age of Intelligence
An immersive and informal opening designed to set the tone for the Retreat.

Participants engage in:
- *Ice-breaker conversations on "Where do you see AI disrupting your industry first?"*
- *Live demo zones showcasing GenAI assistants, visual copilots, and agent workflows*
- *AI wargames exploring 2-, 5-, and 10-year future scenarios*

Welcome Remarks

Rekha Sethi
Director General, All India Management Association

Setting the Context

Umakant Soni
Program Director & Chairman, AI foundry and Co-Founder, ARTPARK

1830 – 1945 hrs
Session 2

AI for Now and Tomorrow
A strategic overview of why the next decade will belong to organizations that embed AI into their core. This session frames AI not as a technology initiative, but as infrastructure, intelligence, and a long-term innovation engine. Participants gain a non-technical understanding of AI concepts and explore how AI is already reshaping industries globally.

Key Themes:
- *AI as a strategic enabler, not a technology project*
- *Competing in an era of intelligent enterprises*
- *Integrating AI into core business and leadership thinking*

Speaker

TV Mohandas Pai
Chairman, Aarin Capital Partners; Past President, AIMA

Interactive Activity: Group discussion on how AI is already transforming industries.

2000 hrs onwards — Networking over Cocktails & Dinner

Day 2 – Monday, 9 February 2026
The Shift: Understanding and Reimagining Business with AI

0930 – 1015 hrs
Session 3

AI for Enterprise
This keynote sets the foundation for the day by exploring the Age of AI and its implications for business and society. It introduces a practical framework for enterprise-wide AI transformation.

Key Takeaways:
- *The Age of AI and what it means for CXOs*
- *Five levers of AI transformation: Customer, Operations, Product, People, and Data*
- *The concept of an "AI City" to test, validate, and scale AI initiatives*

Speaker

Umakant Soni
Program Director & Chairman, AI foundry and Co-Founder, ARTPARK

Interactive Activity: Breakout groups brainstorm AI use cases for their specific industries.

1015 – 1130 hrs
Session 4

The AI Strategy Blueprint for CXOs
A hands-on strategy session focused on helping CXOs translate AI ambition into a clear, actionable roadmap.

Interactive Exercise:
- *Mapping your organization's AI Maturity Heatmap*
- *Identifying priority use cases, capability gaps, and quick wins*

Speaker

Umakant Soni
Program Director & Chairman, AI foundry and Co-Founder, ARTPARK

Case Study: Analysis of successful AI projects

1130 – 1145 hrs   Networking Tea/Coffee

1145 – 1300 hrs
Session 5

The AI Stack Demystified
A deep dive into the modern AI stack, explained in clear business terms. This session helps leaders understand what it really takes to build, deploy, and scale AI systems.

Focus Areas:
- *From data pipelines → LLMs → agents → decision engines*
- *Build vs. buy decisions: OpenAI, Anthropic, or in-house models*
- *Economics of compute, GPUs, and data governance*

Speaker

Sandeep Singh
Co-Founder, Newron.AI

Live Demo: "From Prompt to Profit", automating a real business workflow using AI

1300 – 1400 hrs   Lunch

1400 – 1515 hrs
Session 6

Changing Roles and Processes in the Age of Machines

A conversation with a visionary builder on how AI is reshaping leadership, work design, and organizational processes.

Discussion Themes:
- *Redefining roles in an AI-augmented workplace*
- *Leadership transformation in the age of machines*
- *Ethics, accountability, and responsible AI adoption*

Speaker	**Arvind Saraf** Turing Team, Microsoft

1515 – 1630 hrs
Session 7

Building AI Research Teams
This session explores how organizations can bridge the gap between research and real-world deployment, and why companies must rethink how they learn, experiment, and innovate with AI.

Key Insights:
- *Structuring AI research and innovation teams*
- *Translating academic research into enterprise impact*
- *New models for continuous AI-led transformation*

Speaker	**Siddharth Panwar** Assistant Professor, IIT Mandi, CEO, NeuroDx

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1630 – 1645 hrs	Networking Tea/Coffee

1645 – 1800 hrs
Session 8

Investing in AI – Inorganic Growth Paths for Legacy Companies
An investor's perspective on how legacy organizations can accelerate AI adoption through partnerships, acquisitions, and strategic investments.

Focus Areas:
- *AI-led inorganic growth strategies*
- *What investors look for in AI-driven companies*
- *Building long-term value through AI investments*

Speaker	**Subhashis Banerjee** ART Venture Fund

1800 – 1830 hrs
Session 9

Evening Reflection & Mindful Leadership
A reflective closing session to the day, bringing together technology, leadership, and humanity.
Elements:
- *Guided "AI & Humanity" meditation: balancing intelligence with wisdom*
- *Group discussion: "What kind of future are we building?"*

Speaker	**Umakant Soni** Program Director & Chairman, AI foundry and Co-Founder, ARTPARK

1930 hrs	Dinner

Day 3 – Tuesday, 10 February 2026

0830 – 0930 hrs | **Morning Walk & AI Conversations**

Informal Walk & Talk sessions pairing CXOs across sectors to exchange insights and experiences.

0930 – 1030 hrs | **The Playbook – Building an AI-Native Enterprise**

A practical playbook for building AI-native organizations rather than bolt-on AI projects.

Key Themes:
- *Organizing for AI: new roles, CoEs, and governance models*
- *The AI Transformation Office as the enterprise "nervous system"*
- *Designing AI-native workflows at scale*

Speaker | **Utkarsh**

CEO, Xmplify; Former Chief Architect, Flipkart

1045 – 1115 hrs | **Closing Keynote – India's Decade of Intelligence**

A forward-looking address on how Indian enterprises can leapfrog globally through responsible and inclusive AI.

Key Messages:
- *India's opportunity in the global AI landscape*
- *The role of CXOs in shaping an inclusive AI economy*
- *Responsible leadership in the decade ahead*

Speaker | **Umakant Soni**

Program Director & Chairman, AI foundry and Co-Founder, ARTPARK

1130-1215 hrs | **Summing Up & Key Takeaways**

Wrap up the workshop by drafting a personalized AI strategy for your organization. Build partnerships, leverage external expertise, and finalize a roadmap for AI adoption with expert feedback. Leave with actionable insights and a clear path forward.

Distribution of Participation Certificates | **TV Mohandas Pai**

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1230 hrs | Retreat Concludes with Lunch

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