

SPEAKERS FOR TEDxPVGOET 2025



Theme: Drishti

1. Hruitvik Ambekar



About the Speaker:

Hruitvik Ambekar is a celebrated badminton player, a 4-time TEDx speaker, and an inspiring voice who continues to broaden perspectives. He is the founder of The Tribus Movement and Tug of Words, as well as the founding ambassador at ACT.

Domains:

1. Athletic Excellence – With a career-high world ranking of 140, Hruitvik has earned recognition as a distinguished badminton player.
2. Corporate Leadership – From the court to the boardroom, he demonstrates resilience under pressure and the ability to rise above challenges.
3. Social Impact – Through The Tribus Movement and Tug of Words, he uplifts tribal communities and motivates youth to look beyond limitations.

Talk Topic:

- “Inner Drishti” – The transformation that begins within.

2. IPS Archit Chandak



About the speaker:

Archit Chandak is an IPS officer currently serving as the Superintendent of Police, Akola, and formerly as Deputy Commissioner of Police, Nagpur City. He is the mind behind Garud Drishti, a cutting-edge cyber intelligence tool, and is widely recognized for promoting transparency and citizen engagement through social media.

Domains:

1. Law Enforcement and Administrative Leadership – An Indian Police Service officer of the 2018 batch, he has led urban law enforcement zones, adeptly handling diverse challenges that demand foresight, resilience, and tact.
2. Cybersecurity and Community Engagement – By embracing social media as a tool of leadership, he has not only kept citizens informed but also humanized the police force, fostering transparency and meaningful dialogue with the community.

Talk Topic:

“Building a Nation from within” – His journey illustrates why Drishti matters today: in a restless world, setbacks can either break us or offer us new eyes with which to see differently.

3. Kedar Patankar



About the Speaker:

Kedar Patankar is a dual-master's educated technologist turned award-winning storyteller and environmentalist. He is the writer of the critically acclaimed Scam 2003: The Telgi Story, author of the novella Border Post 99, and founder of The Trash Talk, an environmental initiative.

Domains:

1. Innovator, Author, and Social Cause Leader – A technologist who transitioned into the creative arts and then into social change, his journey reflects vision, empowerment, and the courage to redefine boundaries.
2. Sustainability – As the founder of The Trash Talk, a volunteer-led initiative that restores forts and historical monuments across Maharashtra, he blends heritage preservation with impactful sustainability action.

Talk Topic

“Awareness through Action” – Just as individuals need clarity of vision, humanity must embrace a fresh perspective to confront environmental challenges and reimagine sustainability.

4. Surabhi Handay



About the speaker:

Surabhi Handay is a celebrated actress in the Marathi film and television industry, best known for her portrayal of Mhalsa Devi in the popular Zee Marathi serial *Jai Malhar*. She has also appeared in the film *Aga Bai Arechya 2* and played the lead role in the acclaimed web series *Bhootatlela*.

Domains:

1. Film Industry – A versatile performer, she skillfully combines the art of acting with classical singing, blending craft and culture seamlessly.
2. Art of Performance – Through her roles, she exemplifies how performance can move beyond entertainment to evoke deeper connection and meaning.

Talk Topic

“Art: A prism of perspective” – Her talk explores how *Drishti* enables us to see with empathy, imagination, and emotional depth—the subtle dimensions of vision that often lie beyond numbers and logic.

5. Dr. Aditya Abhyankar



About the Speaker:

Prof. Dr. Aditya Abhyankar is the Dean of the Faculty of Technology at Savitribai Phule Pune University. With an academic journey spanning multiple disciplines—engineering, philosophy, and finance—he holds two PhDs, one in Engineering and another in Sanskrit. He has been granted 14 Indian patents, 8 US patents, and has authored more than 30 international journal articles, making significant contributions to both technological research and interdisciplinary thought.

Domains:

1. Education and Research Leadership – As Dean of Technology at Pune University, he has established expertise in research on pattern recognition and image processing, and continues to mentor innovation in emerging technologies.
2. Sanskrit and Interdisciplinary Insight – With a PhD in Sanskrit, he offers a unique perspective on blending science with spirituality, opening new avenues of thought and inquiry.

Talk Topic

“On the Quest of Knowledge” – His talk reflects how Drishti empowers us to transform conflict into collaboration, fostering unity across disciplines, perspectives, and people.

6. Manveer Singh



About the Speaker:

Manveer Singh is an entrepreneur, finance educator, and founder of Stocks with Manveer. With over 940K followers on Instagram and 200K subscribers on YouTube, he is on a mission to make financial literacy both accessible and actionable for all.

Domains:

1. Financial Literacy – He has worked extensively to raise awareness on topics such as investing, stock market trends, and the broader economics of trading.
2. Pragmatic Investor and Educator – Renowned for simplifying complex financial concepts, he empowers individuals with practical insights that enable financial independence and informed decision-making.

Talk Topic

“Understanding Finance: Empowering Youth” – His talk reveals the importance and scope of finance—debunking myths and capitalizing resources—as we delve into a fresh perspective of financial empowerment and new opportunities.

7. Dr. Bhooshan Kelkar



About the Speaker:

Dr. Bhooshan Kelkar is an IIT Bombay engineer, IBM Master Inventor, and CEO-Director of Neuflex Talent Solutions. He holds a PhD in Artificial Intelligence from the UK, with 23 granted US patents and over 25 years of expertise in AI, applied machine learning, and technology strategy.

Domains:

1. Artificial Intelligence & Leadership – With more than two decades of experience, he has made significant contributions to AI, machine learning applications, and shaping technology strategies.
2. Innovation & Intellectual Property – A key contributor to India’s innovation ecosystem, he has served on FICCI’s IP committee and co-developed the Multiversity Innovation Course under the guidance of Dr. Vijay Bhatkar.

Talk Topic

“Glimpse into Tomorrow” – His talk explores how Drishti equips us to anticipate emerging technologies, global shifts, and societal challenges—reminding us that the way we choose to see today ultimately shapes the world of tomorrow.

8. Major L.S. Chaudhary



About the Speaker:

Major L.S. Chaudhary is a decorated Indian Army veteran and alumnus of the Rashtriya Rifles. He is the founder of a top-rated YouTube channel that inspires youth with authentic leadership lessons drawn from his experiences in counter-insurgency operations, SSB guidance, and battlefield narratives from India's elite internal security force.

Domains:

1. Defence & Security – A former Indian Army officer with rich operational expertise in high-security and counter-insurgency environments.
2. Motivational Speaking & Youth Mentorship – Through his channel, he mentors students, defence aspirants, and young professionals, offering clarity on careers, discipline, and the call to national service.

Talk Topic

“Walking through Fire” – His talk emphasizes that vision is not a one-time awakening but an everyday practice—shaping how we work, build relationships, and make choices.