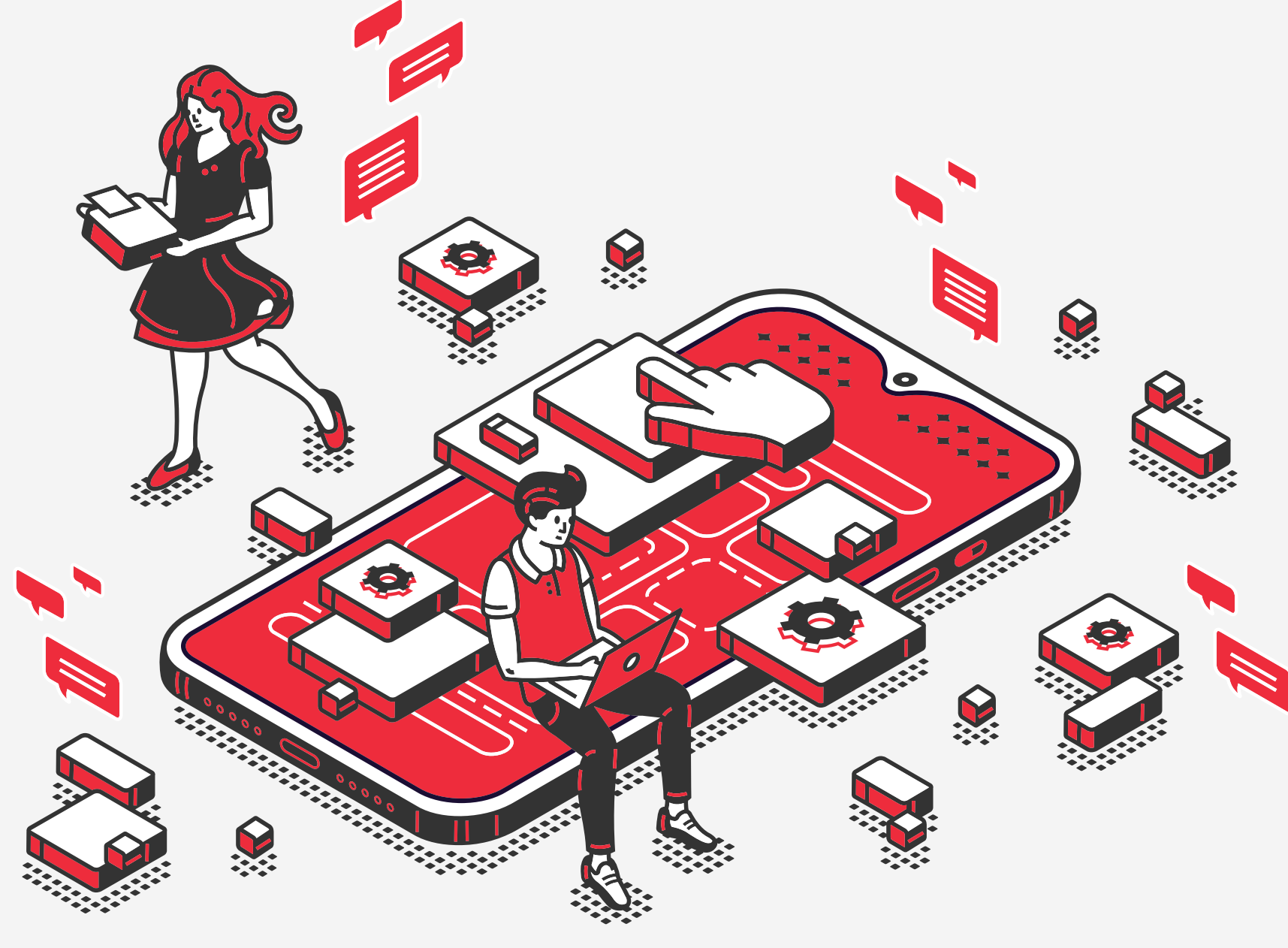


# NEW IN FOCUS: FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



## Online Faculty Development Programme on ‘Designing and Building Online Learning Programmes’

The upGrad Foundation, in collaboration with upGrad, has curated a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) to train faculty and teachers in designing, delivering, and managing digital education. The programme will be delivered online and is free of cost for faculty to enable them to improve the quality of education. The module promises qualitative addition in the teaching pedagogy and aims to cover content design, content delivery, and content development. Teaching dignitaries like Prof. S. Sadagopan and Prof. Siddharth Deshmukh are part of the teaching programme.

The programme aims to update the current knowledge system using modern information tools with the objective of sensitising teachers about new ideas in digital teaching and assessment methods and to develop knowledge and skills necessary for performing the role of a competent and effective teacher, administrator, researcher, and mentor.



Please visit [upgradfoundation.org](https://upgradfoundation.org) for more information.

## VIDYA SHAKTI INITIATIVE FOR WOMEN: OUR LEARNERS



## CAMPUS CONNECT



“Our upGrad Campus collaboration with upGrad Foundation is special as it has a tangible effect on nation-building by educating Indian youth, especially underprivileged girls. Many have written them off as unemployable. They are unemployed not because of a lack of ambition or skills but due to a lack of opportunities. It gives me great pleasure to work towards solving this. Right from creating exclusive batches, guiding them step-by-step, giving practical exposure to new-age skills, and ensuring placements for the deserving — all of this is to make a real change in their lives. So far, we have had three cohorts with one on the verge of completion. The learner sentiment is great and we are leaving no stone unturned for a successful learning outcome!”



**Amit Mahensaria,**  
CEO, upGrad Campus

## MENTOR-MENTEE CONNECT



“I’ve had the opportunity to work closely with Spoorthi, my mentee, who is a smart, well-read, and extremely aware individual. I was initially apprehensive about our interactions but I was amazingly surprised after talking to her. She is not only doing an education programme in data science along with her B.Tech but is also an avid scriptwriter and actively participates in social work. This just gives me the confidence that there is so much potential in our youth today, all they need is the right guidance and direction. I would encourage everyone to mentor once in their lifetime.”



**Pearl Singaporewalla | Mentor**  
Director International Sales, upGrad

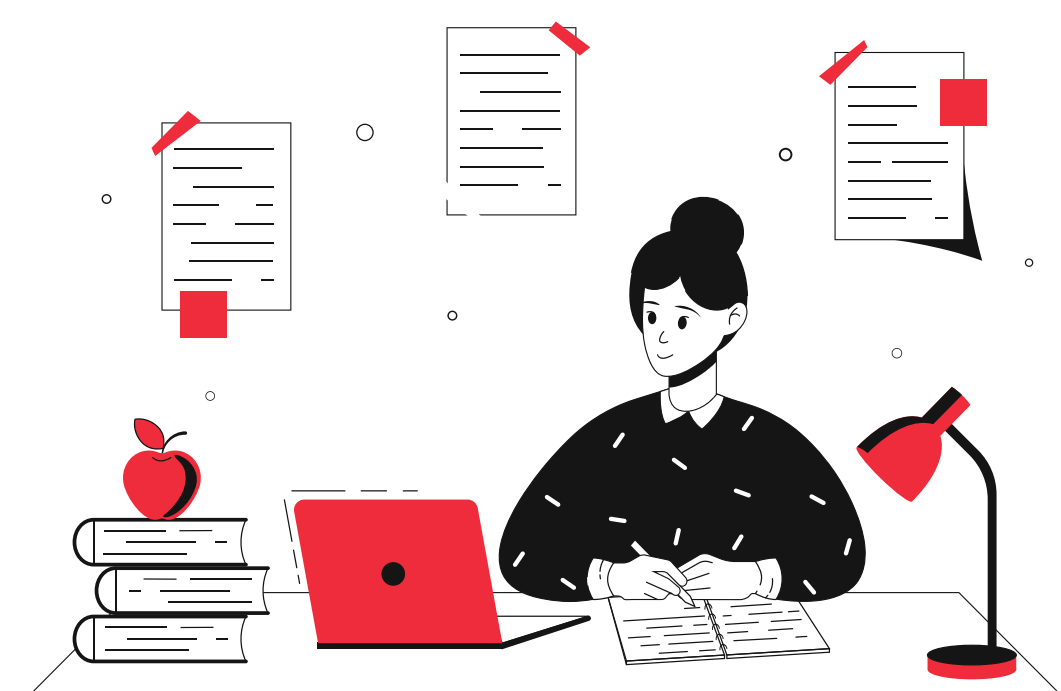
“I am a third year student of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISE). I am from a middle class family of four. My father has a general store that has been our main source of earning and it has been the primary driving force behind my upbringing. My mother is a homemaker, and brother is currently working. upGrad Foundation has helped me immensely to pursue my career in data science and inspired me to learn each day! My mentor Pearl Singaporewalla has helped me a lot to improve my skills — from communication, academics, email, resume writing, and giving interviews. Weekly Google Meet interactions have helped me to improve my oratory skills and reduced my fear of facing the camera. Thank you to Pearl ma’am and upGrad Foundation for mentoring me each day!”



**Spoorthi D.P. | Mentee**  
Third-year Student, SDM CET,  
Dharwad, Karnataka

## VIDYA SHAKTI DIALOGUE

We started the Vidya Shakti Dialogue to bridge the gap between learning and practice. The idea behind this initiative is to give young girls and women in India access to diverse, successful female role models so they can learn from their experiences and choose their own route to empowerment. The most recent session was organised with an emphasis on the growing significance of digital marketing.



## VIDYA SHAKTI DIALOGUE: EXPERT TALK SERIES 2



### Meet our Speaker Vanshika Bhageria

Vanshika Bhageria provided tremendous insight during the first session of the Vidya Shakti Dialogue #ExpertTalkSeries on digital marketing. She emphasised the necessity of fostering the three Cs of content, community, and commerce, highlighting the increasing prominence of digital marketing and its expanding reach in our daily lives. The Vidya Shakti scholars, all first-generation learners, participated in the interactive session and benefited from her advice on searching for jobs, working on live projects, and platforms they could use to understand consumer data in digital marketing.

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