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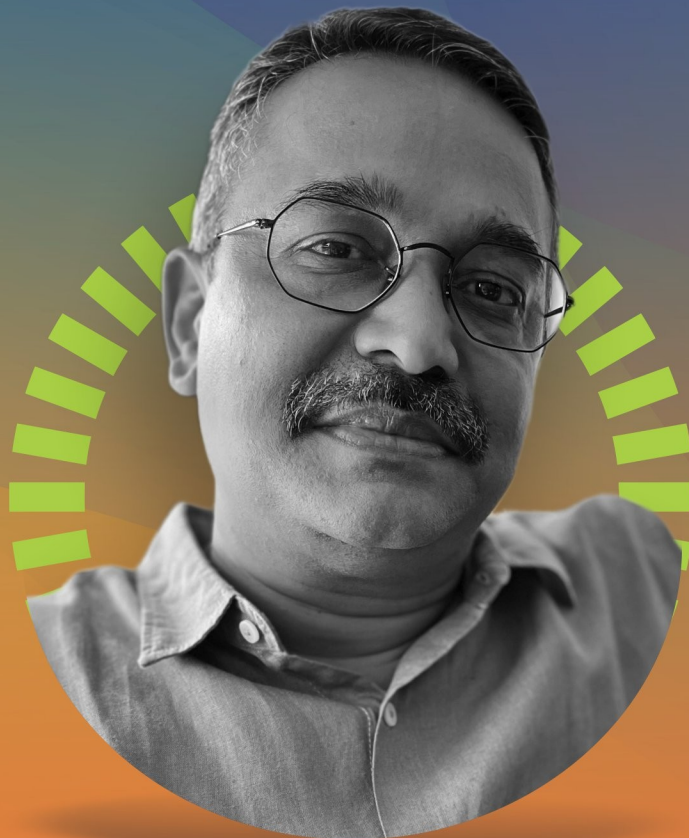
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B.A. (Honours) PPE Programme

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WHY DID YOU HAVE TO WRITE THIS NOW?

A talk on the predicaments and persistence of
a journalist and author.



Mr. Sugata Srinivasaraju

Bilingual Journalist, Author and Columnist

WEDNESDAY, 06 AUGUST 2025 | 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM
Global Auditorium, Ratan Jindal Academic Block (T3), First Floor
O.P. Jindal Global University

PROGRAMME

2:00 pm – 2:10 pm	Welcome Address Prof. Kathleen A. Modrowski Founding Dean, Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities (JSLH)
2:10 am – 2:20 am	Introduction to PPE and the Commencement Speaker Prof. R. Sudarshan Founding Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy (JSGP)
2:20 pm – 3:00 pm	Commencement Lecture Mr. Sugata Srinivasaraju Bilingual Journalist, Author and Columnist
3:00 pm – 3:20 pm	Dialogue with audience
3:20 pm – 3:30 pm	Concluding Remarks Prof. (Dr.) Naveen Thomas Vice Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy (JSGP)

BIO OF SPEAKER

SUGATA SRINIVASARAJU is a bilingual journalist, author and columnist who has written for three decades at the intersection of politics, culture and contemporary history. In the recent past, he has edited newspapers and magazines, run television channels and founded digital news platforms. Organizations where he has held top editorial leadership positions include: Asianet News Network, The Times Group, Outlook and Hindustan Times. He has written columns for The New Indian Express and The Times of India digital edition, and contributed regularly to Mint, The Wire, The Caravan, The Indian Express, The Economic Times and The Irish Times among other publications. He however began his career as a journalist with the Deccan Herald. Over the years, he has been a Chevening Scholar in the United Kingdom, a fellow of the Aspen Institute in the United States, and a Homi Bhabha fellow in India.

Sugata's books include *The Conscience Network: A Chronicle of Resistance to a Dictatorship* (2025); *Strange Burdens: The Politics and Predicaments of Rahul Gandhi* (2023); *Furrows in a Field: The Unexplored Life of HD Deve Gowda* (2021); *Pickles from Home: The Worlds of a Bilingual* (2012) and *Keeping Faith with the Mother Tongue: The Anxieties of a Local Culture* (2008), among others. His Kannada book of essays, *Kittale Nerale Perale: Avasarakke Yetukida Maatu Baraha* (2016), won him the Vi.Chi Literary Prize and his translated volume, *Phoenix and Four Other Mime Plays* (2005) won him the Karnataka academy of letters' translation prize.