

TARUN ANAND

Shaping the AI VISIONARIES of Tomorrow



Tarun Anand is a visionary whose journey from door-to-door sales to the Chancellor of India's First AI University is nothing short of inspiring. His life story is a testament to the power of relentless dedication, unyielding passion, and a commitment to excellence that have reshaped the education landscape in India.

Along with executive education from prestigious international institutions like the Michigan Business School (USA), Tuck Business School (USA), and IE Business School (Spain), he successfully completed his MBA at the renowned SPJIMR in Mumbai.

As the youngest Chairman and Managing Director of Thomson Reuters in South Asia, Tarun achieved unparalleled growth rates across BRIC nations. His expertise led him to serve as the Global Head of Treasury, overseeing a substantial \$2 billion business across 136 countries.

Tarun's global perspective is reflected in his extensive international experience, having worked in financial hubs like London, New York, and Hong Kong and in over 50 countries across six continents.

In 2009, Tarun founded Universal Business School, India's 1st Green B-School, a groundbreaking institution that set new standards in environmental consciousness within the education sector. His commitment to innovation and education led to the establishment of Universal AI University in 2023, making history as India's 1st AI University, aptly located in the serene surroundings of Karjat, a perfect blend of nature and academia.

Universal AI University is the only university in India that is led by a global CEO and is established 'by the corporates for the corporates'. It has 60 CEOs onboard and stands out in the educational landscape for several reasons, but the biggest one is the focus on AI-driven curriculum. This curriculum prepares students for the AI future, no matter which field they belong to. Apart from adopting experiential learning methods, the institution boasts a diverse and distinguished board, ensuring that the guidance students receive is rooted in a wealth of global experience and wisdom.

Speaking about his vision for Universal AI University, Tarun Anand stated, "Education is not just about acquiring knowledge; it's about empowering individuals to transform the world. At Universal AI University, we don't just teach; we inspire. We don't just educate; we innovate. We are not just a university; we are a revolution." Also, the real-world CMAPS (Collaborative Multidisciplinary Approach to Problem Solving) projects by the university cannot be found anywhere else.

Tarun's dedication to education was not left unnoticed. He was honored with the title of "Education Evangelist of India" by Great Place to Study in 2020, recognizing his tireless efforts in shaping the future of education. In 2018, he was chosen as a Global Goodwill Ambassador, a testament to his global impact and commitment to making education accessible and impactful.

The unveiling of the university's logo, graced by the presence of banking legend, Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chairperson of Salesforce and former Chairperson of the State Bank of India and Mr. Bharat Puri, Chairman of Pidilite Industries, stands as a prestigious moment for Universal AI University.

Tarun Anand believes that students are not just learners; they are innovators and pioneers. Therefore, the university's emphasis on AI-led education is set to ensure that graduates are equipped with skills that are not just relevant but essential in the rapidly evolving technological landscape that can assist them in their practical lives.

The institution's commitment to the environmental and social responsibility is evident through its ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) initiatives, aligning with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and embracing green thinking at every level. Universal AI University has been recognized as a growth champion by The Economic Times and has received numerous awards for

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Universal AI University's commitment to providing international exposure is reflected in its placements around the world, offering students a global perspective and limitless career possibilities.

Nestled in the serene surroundings of Karjat, just 2 hours away from the heart of Mumbai, the capital city hub, Universal AI University offers the best of both worlds. The picturesque location provides an ideal backdrop for learning, fostering an environment where students can immerse themselves in education while being close to nature. Living on campus offers round-the-clock transformative experiences for students, with 50% of learning happening outside classrooms through diverse experiential activities.

Tarun Anand's diverse and accomplished background underscores his commitment to innovation, education, and global excellence. His leadership continues to drive Universal AI University towards unparalleled success, making a lasting impact on the future of education in India and beyond.