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Date & Time

September 3, 2025 | 4:30 pm

Venue

PSG Tech Quadrangle



PROFILE OF THE CHIEF GUEST



Dr. Shashi Tharoor, author, politician, and former international diplomat, brings together decades of experience in public life. Currently serving his fourth term as Member of Parliament for Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, he represents the Indian National Congress (INC) in the Lok Sabha. He has been Minister of State for External Affairs and Minister of State for Human Resource Development during the second United Progressive Alliance government. Presently Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, he has also led the Committees on Information Technology and Chemicals & Fertilizers.

Before entering Indian politics, Dr. Tharoor spent nearly three decades at the United Nations as a peacekeeper, refugee worker, and senior administrator, rising to Under-Secretary-General under Kofi Annan. In 2006, India nominated him for the post of UN Secretary-General, where he finished second to Ban Ki-moon.

A prolific, award-winning author, Dr. Tharoor has written over twenty-five books across fiction and non-fiction, earning honours such as the Commonwealth Writers' Prize, the Crossword Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Sahitya Akademi Award for *An Era of Darkness*, his acclaimed critique of British colonial rule.

Born in London in 1956, he was educated in Mumbai, Kolkata, and Delhi before earning a PhD at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, at the age of 22 — the youngest in its history. At Fletcher, he won the Robert B. Stewart Prize for Best Student, co-founded and edited the Fletcher Forum of International Affairs, and later received honorary doctorates from institutions in the US and Romania. The World Economic Forum named him a “Global Leader of Tomorrow” in 1998.

Dr. Tharoor's many honours include the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, the Hakim Khan Sur Award for National Integration, the Priyadarshini Award for Excellence in Diplomacy, Spain's Encomienda de la Real Orden Española de Carlos III, France's Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, and the 2024 Lokmat Best Parliamentarian of the Year Award.

A pioneer in political engagement through social media, Dr. Tharoor was India's most-followed politician on Twitter (now X) until 2013 and the first Indian to cross 10,000 and 100,000 followers. With over 8.4 million followers today, he remains one of the country's most popular political voices online.



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The Management, Principal, Staff and Students of
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cordially invite you to the

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Chief Guest

Dr. Shashi Tharoor

Honorable Member of Parliament for Thiruvananthapuram
Chairman- Parliamentary Committee on External Affairs
Government of India

Guest of Honour

Shri. D. Lakshminaraswamy

Trustee, SNR Sons Charitable Trust
Coimbatore

Shri. L. Gopalakrishnan

Managing Trustee
PSG & Sons' Charities

will preside

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PSG Tech Distinguished Alumni Awardees



Mr. Srinivasan Ravi

(B.E. Mechanical Engineering, 1984)

Chairman & Managing Director
Craftsman Automation
Coimbatore, India

Mr. Cottalango Leon

(B.E. Computer Science & Engineering, 1992)

Distinguished Engineer
Sony Pictures Imageworks
California, USA



Mrs. Vanitha Kumar

*(B.E. Electronics & Communication
Engineering, 1994)*

Senior Vice-President
Software Engineering
Qualcomm Technologies Inc
California, USA



Mr. Gowthaman Ranganathan

(B.E. Production Engineering, 1995)

Former Director, Oracle America Inc.
Entrepreneur, Angel Investor
Software Executive, California, USA



Mr. Lakshmi Narasimha Moorthy K

(B.E. Mechanical Engineering, 1996)

Co-Founder and CEO
nicheBrains, Hyderabad, India



Mrs. Kavitha Krishnan

(MCA, 1998)

Chief Technology Officer
Customer Innovation Services
SAP Labs, Bengaluru, India

