

# Humanistic Leadership in an AI Driven World

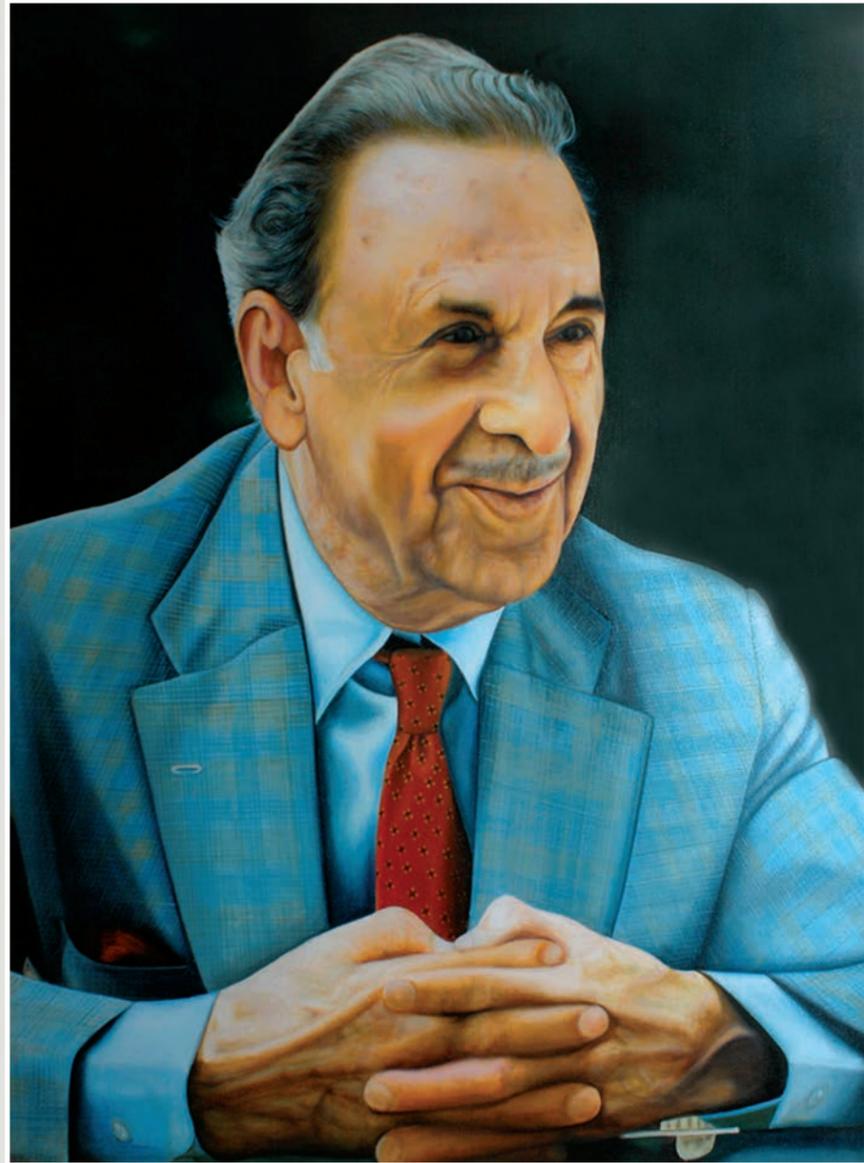
A Unique Programme for Leaders and Decision-makers  
To Foresee the Junctures of Minds, Machines and the Society

**August 18 - 22, 2025**

NIAS JRD Tata Auditorium



National Institute of Advanced Studies  
Bengaluru



*“To be a Leader,  
you have got to  
lead human being  
with affection.”*

JRD Tata

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## About NIAS

The National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) was founded by the late Mr. JRD Tata with the vision of creating an institution dedicated to advanced, multidisciplinary research. He envisioned NIAS as a platform for bringing together leaders from industry, government, public affairs, and academia across the natural sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities.

Established on June 20, 1988, as a registered society under the Karnataka Societies Registration Regulation Act, NIAS operates as an autonomous organization governed by a management council. It is located on the Indian Institute of Science campus in Bengaluru and was inaugurated in 1988 with Dr. Raja Ramanna as the first Director until his retirement in 1997. Over time, NIAS has steadily worked towards realizing JRD Tata's dream of an institution blending scientific and humanistic viewpoints on issues of national and international significance.

NIAS engages in a range of activities including research, analysis, publications, and teaching. Following its founder's vision, it also serves as an educational hub for future Indian leaders through various courses and programs. The institute fosters a unique environment where individuals from diverse disciplines can interact meaningfully. The PhD programme, started in 2004, has further enhanced the institute's dynamic approach to interdisciplinary research.

The institute features extensive facilities for conferences, lectures, and theatrical events. The JRD Tata Auditorium and lecture halls provide an ideal setting for extensive discussions and deliberations. Nestled within the lush campus of the Indian Institute of Science, NIAS buildings stand out with their elegant architecture and serene environment. Fully furnished guest rooms overlooking gardens offer a peaceful stay for visitors.



JRD Tata  
(Founding Chairman)



Raja Ramanna  
(Founding Director -1987-1997)



Prof Roddam Narasimha  
(1997-2004)



Dr K Kasturirangan  
(2004-2009)



Prof VS Ramamurthy  
(2009-2014)



Prof Baldev Raj  
(2014-2018)



Dr Shailesh Nayak  
(2018 - current)

## About the Programme

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The National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) aims to blend leadership excellence, adaptive responses to evolving technologies, and transformative outcomes. In line with JRD Tata's guiding principles, the second episode of the nationwide programme by NIAS, "Humanistic Leadership for India in an AI Driven World," will explore the challenges and opportunities for top leaders in an AI-dominated environment from a multidisciplinary and societal perspective.

This programme is designed to initiate groundbreaking discussions and transformations, focusing on leadership in the context of India's growing reputation for tech entrepreneurship, digital solutions, and cost-efficiency. It will emphasize the need for a multidisciplinary approach to humanistic leadership that can drive policy-making, innovation, and development.

The NIAS Humanistic Leadership programme aims to help leaders navigate the complexities of managing workforce and systems in an AI-driven world, promoting leadership that is humanistic, participative, motivational, and inclusive. Social psychology highlights that humanistic leadership values respect for others and fosters individual excellence, agency, and creativity, which is crucial as AI increasingly influences work and living spaces. The programme will leverage leadership concepts and experiences to foster holistic changes in leaders and organizations, addressing major national and global challenges posed by an AI-driven world. Dr. Sangeetha Menon, who is the Professor and Head of the NIAS Consciousness Studies Programme, will curate and coordinate the week-long event.

## Programme Sessions and the Focus

The five-day programme will feature interactive sessions led by experts, creating various interdisciplinary scenarios to address the challenges, difficulties, and opportunities presented by AI in today's world for India. Resource persons will discuss how AI adaptability and inclusion will impact human leadership. Equally important is understanding how to cultivate and utilize humanistic leadership across multidisciplinary platforms to tackle challenges arising from AI-driven automation.

Experts and resource persons from diverse disciplines, including science, society, and culture, will lead thematic lectures and interactive discussions focused on leadership and decision-making with a human-centric approach rather than a machine-centric one. Specific sessions will address gender awareness and the challenges faced by women in leadership roles. A unique feature of the NIAS residential programmes is the tranquil and serene campus environment, which enhances the excellence of multidisciplinary interactions.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage with leaders and experts from various fields, including science, society, industry, and academia, fostering rich dialogues and learning.



# How to Apply and Be Part of a Life-Changing Experience of 5 Days at NIAS?

## Eligibility

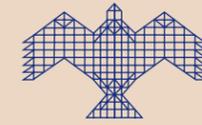
The five-day NIAS Leadership Programme is designed for approximately 25 senior-level executives and administrators from both private and public sector companies, government officials, and active defense service officers. Applications will be accepted on a "First Come, First Served" basis.

## Duration

The residential programme will take place at the NIAS JRD Tata Auditorium from August 18-22, 2025. Participants will be picked up from Bengaluru Airport or another preferred location in Bengaluru on August 17. The programme will officially conclude after the valedictory session and lunch on August 22, 2025.

## Programme Fee

The cost for the entire residential programme, which includes boarding, lodging, programme materials, and local transportation, is INR 1,50,000 plus 18% GST. Travel expenses to and from Bengaluru are to be covered by the sponsoring organization. In the event of a cancellation, the fee will be retained and can be used for a future programme nomination. Please complete the enclosed nomination form and submit it with the fee (e-transfer or cheque) by July 31, 2025.



National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru

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Scan QR Code for Brochure

Name     
First Middle Last

Address: Office

Residence

Phone: Office  Residence  Mobile

E-mail

Leadership position

Specialization

Name of the current employer

Special interests

A brief about you

Your sponsoring agency

**Last Date to Receive Nomination/Application is 31 July 2025**

Mail Cheque/DD with this form to  
 Head, Administration, National Institute of Advanced Studies  
 Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bengaluru 560012.  
 Email: <Leadership.Course@nias.res.in>  
 Phone: 080-22185020

**Programme Fee: INR 1,50,000 + GST 18%**

### Bank details for wire transfer

Beneficiary Name : NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES  
 Beneficiary  
 Account Number : 10270575066  
 Bank Name : STATE BANK OF INDIA  
 Bank Address : IISC BRANCH, BANGALORE - 560 012  
 IFSC Number : SBIN002215  
 MICR Number : 560002020

Date    
Signature

Cheque/DD No.  Dated

Drawn on Bank

Amount Rs.

drawn in favour of "National Institute of Advanced Studies", Bengaluru

Online Transaction Reference Number

Date of Transfer:



**Last Date to Receive  
Nominations and  
Applications at NIAS is  
31 July 2025.**





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