

CII Higher Education Conclave

Theme: Higher Education and Skilling : Governance and Innovation

Dr. B. Nagamani and Dr. GSN Koteswara Rao attended CII Higher Education Conclave held at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel on 6th October 2017.

Concept Note

India now has the largest higher education system in the world in terms of the number of institutions, and the second largest in terms of the number of students. Over the last decade, the education market, especially the higher education sector, has witnessed massive expansion in terms of growth and enrolment.

Despite its high growth potential, the sector is at an interesting crossroads. The direction it takes will largely depend on a robust vision and reforms that facilitate and drive this vision. The need of the hour is a reformatory shift in pace and vision, especially if the country has to keep pace with other competing nations that are already taking significant strides in this sector. Contrary to its prevailing scale, size and scope, the higher education sector in India has yet to shift gears to evolve in the right direction through a holistic outlook.

Andhra Pradesh State Government has accordingly decided to fill the gap by constituting a State Council of Higher Education as recommended in the National Educational Policy of the Government of India and as recommended by the committee constituted by the UGC.

In this context, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Visakhapatnam Zone has organised its Second Edition of **Higher Education Conclave** with the theme focusing on *'Higher Education & Skilling: Quality, Governance & Innovation'* on **6 October 2017** at **Hotel Four Points by Sheraton, Visakhapatnam**.

Objective

Education, Skills and employability are of paramount importance in today's context. As the future of the country belongs to our youth, it is imperative that the stakeholders should come together for deliberation on the way forward.

Bridging the gap between education and employability through skill development needs strategic and institutional planning. Revamping syllabus as per industry requirements.

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Adopting innovative techniques for imparting education. Addressing the need for proper training and skill development through high quality education. Deliberate on the issues and challenges and uphold the achievements of the sector to draw up an action plan for the future.

The Conclave served as a forum of networking between Industry and academia, thus contributing towards its efforts to bring the two important stakeholders of Higher Education together on an issue of common interest.

This conclave covered the following areas which are of immense relevance to the sector

Session: 1 Fostering Innovation In Higher Education – A Structured Approach.

This session shared experiences and deliberated on specific steps that Universities and government can take in fostering innovations.

Speakers:

G S Shiv Kumar (Immediate Past Chairman, CII Andhra Pradesh and Chief Executive Officer, Maple Software Pvt Ltd)

Prof N V Varghese (Vice Chancellor, National University of Educational Planning and Administration)

Dr Kalidindi N Satyanarayana (Director Indian, Institute of Technology, Tirupati)

Prof V S S Kumar (Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kakinada)

Session-2 Capacity Building In Higher Education: Quality, Prospects, Policies And Challenges.

The focus of this session is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas on the quality, opportunities, developments and future prospects of Indian higher education in order to meet domestic and global challenges.

Speakers:

Dr Pankaj Mittal (Additional Secretary, University Grants Commission)

Prof M Chandrasekhar (Director, Indian Institute of Management, Visakhapatnam)

Prof G Nageshwara Rao (Vice Chancellor, Andhra University).

Session-3 Teaching – Learning And New Technologies In Higher Education.

This session is about to provide a platform for experts, researchers and practitioners to share their experiences. And to discuss innovative practices in the area of teaching learning and technology improving higher education.

Speakers:

Prof C Thangaraj (Director and Member Secretary, NITTTR, Bhopal)

Dr Shashikant Albal (Director, SSN School of Advanced Software Engineering and SSN School of Advanced Career Education)

Manjula Rao (Director for Higher Education and Society British Council India)

Session-4 Challenges and Strategies For Developing Sustainable Partnership Between Institutes And Industries.

This session is about sustainable industry institute partnership- it is an initiative that aims to bridge the institute industry gap through symbiosis. The gap exists due to relative differences in perspectives of educational institutes and industries.

Speakers:

Dr V S R K Prasad (Director, Indian Institute of Petroleum & Energy (IIPe))

K Pavan Krishna (Chief Executive Officer Vignan Group of Educational Institutions)

Venkatarayulu Bonam (Delivery Project Executive, IBM India (P) Ltd)

