

Pallam Raju and Shashi Tharoor to address FICCI Higher Education Summit 2013

New Delhi, 6 November, 2013: The 9th 'FICCI Higher Education Summit 2013' is being organised on November 13-14 in New Delhi. Planning Commission and the Ministry of Human Resource Development are supporting this international convention of higher education.

Keeping in view the enhanced role of international, national, regional and local networks on research, curriculum and skills etc., the conference is enabling universities and higher education institutions to remain relevant and attain excellence. The Theme of the summit this year is **“Building Networks for Transforming Indian Higher Education- “Enabling to Deliver Value”**.

Shri Pallam Raju, Union Minister of HRD and **Shri Shashi Tharoor**, Minister of State, HRD are slated to address the inaugural session of the conference on November 13th. **Shri Jay Panda**, Member, Lok Sabha and **Shri Oscar Fernandez**, Union Minister for Transport, Road and Highways are also joining to address the sessions.

Among the dignitaries from overseas, **Dr Mamdouh Shoukri**, President and Vice-Chancellor, York University, **Prof Glyn Davis**, Vice Chancellor, University of Melbourne and **Dr Mary Sue Coleman**, President, University of Michigan, USA shall be attending the Summit.

This year, Australia India Institute (AII) and Shastri Indo Canadian Institute (SICI) are partner organisations and large contingent of delegates from Australia and Canada are expected to participate in the Summit.

FICCI President, Ms Naina Lal Kidwai, FICCI Higher Education Chair, Mr Mohandas Pai and Co-chairs, Dr. Rajan Saxena and Avinash Vashishtha would be leading the discussions at the Summit along with leaders from the sectors and seniors officials from the government.

A FICCI - EY Knowledge Paper titled **“Higher Education in India: Vision 2030”** will also be released during the Summit. Further, a paper on **“Governance in Indian Higher Education and Leveraging ICT in Higher Education in India”** would also be released to support the roadmap to achieve the Vision 2030 goals.

This two day Summit would be a congregation of more than 650 delegates and speakers from universities, higher education institutions, industry, government and policy makers from both India and abroad.

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