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**Higher
Education
Summit 2014**



India's Flagship Event on Higher Education

**New Paradigm in
Higher Education**

31st October 2014, Hotel Hyatt Regency, Chennai.

Research & Development - Education & Employability - Teaching & Learning



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In its endeavor to promote the Education Sector FICCI – Tamil Nadu State Council is organizing the important Conference a one day Conference titled **New Paradigm in Higher Education – 2014** on 31st October 2014 at Chennai aiming to bring stakeholders from education together on one platform and deliberate policies pertaining to the growth of this sector. The Conference will deliberate on three aspects on High Education namely **Research & Development - Education & Employability - Teaching & Learning**.

India is bestowed with a young population base, with over 50% of the population in the age-group of 18-30 years. It is estimated that by about 2025, India will have 25% of the world's total workforce. In order to harness the full demographic dividend, India needs to create an 'employable' workforce through an education system, that can deliver quality in terms of skilled and industry –ready workforce, without diluting the focus on world-class research and innovation.

The Indian Higher education today boasts of being the second largest higher education system in the world with over 692 Universities, 46,430 colleges and 25.9 million students. The country has witnessed a very high growth rate with student enrolment increasing at a CAGR of 10.8% and institutions at a CAGR of 9% in the last decade. This major upsurge has largely been due to enhanced private sector participation coupled with the Government's thrust on expansion of higher education of the country in the 11th five year plan. The private sector now accounts for 64% of the total number of institutions and 59% of the enrolment in the country as compared to 43 % and 33% respectively about a decade ago. While India has shown impressive growth in adding numbers of higher education institutions and student enrollment, the dearth of quality institutions in higher education still persists. It is ironic that not a single Indian University figures in the top 200 list of any of the premier ranking agencies, viz Times Higher Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University Ranking and QS Asia. Hence, although India is doing well in terms of expansion, quality of higher education has been sacrificed both in the public as well as private sector institutions and universities

The Government intends to achieve enrollment of 35.9 million students in higher education institutions, with a GER of 25.2%, by the end of the Twelfth Five Year Plan period through the coexistence of multiple types of institutions including research-centric, teaching and vocation-focused ones. The private sector would continue to play an instrumental role in the achievement of these outcomes through the creation of knowledge networks, research and innovation centres, corporate-backed institutions, and support for faculty development. However, there are several systemic barriers that restrict entry of credible private higher education providers contributing effectively. The pending reforms are intended to fuel the growth further to achieve this ambitious GER. The current political ramifications have pushed these reforms into the back burner for the time being.

Higher Education in India suffers from various quality deficits are improving the quality of teaching-learning in a majority of non-elite universities and colleges, improving equity and access, enhancing the focus on research & innovation and ensuring employability of students. R&D expenditure is low at 0.81% of GDP compared to 1.13% in China & 2.60% in US. The student- teacher ratio at 26 is high compared to BRIC avg. of 16 and developed economy average of 15.3 which further adds to the complexities. Acute Faculty shortage

continues to impact the quality of Higher Education. Currently, about 25% of Faculty positions in Universities remain vacant while 24% of faculty in universities and 57% in colleges are without PhD degrees. Lack of appropriate Industry-academia linkages and engagements have been identified as one of the critical reasons for the lack of quality of graduates in the country.

The conference would have eminent speakers elaborating and aiming to bring stakeholders from education together on one platform and deliberate policies pertaining to the growth of this sector. The Conference will deliberate on three aspects on High Education namely **Research & Development - Education & Employability - Teaching & Learning**.

Focus of the Summit

1. Enrolment in Higher Education present 15% to 25%
2. Shortage of quality teachers in Universities, Colleges and Schools
3. Establishments of faculty development Centres
4. Adopting Modern Teaching Methodologies
5. Framing the syllabus as per industry requirements & job oriented
6. Industry and Institutions collaboration in R & D in Public Sector Units
7. Importance of communication skills, personality development and employability skills
8. Soft skills value education, professional skill development.
9. Courseware development and the setting up of a National Educational Resource Portal

Distinguished Speakers

- [Dr. V Irai Anbu IAS](#), *Principal Secretary / Director, Anna Institute of Management Chennai*
- [Prof. Ved Prakash](#), *Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi*
- [Dr. S. S. Mantha](#), *Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)*
- [Dr. K. Anantha Padmanabhan](#), *Former Director, IIT Kanpur & University Chair Professor, University of Hyderabad and Research Advisor, TCS, School of Engineering Sciences & Technology, Central University of Hyderabad*
- [Mr. Lakshmi Narayanan](#), *Vice Chairman, CTS*
- [Dr. N. Ravichandran](#), *Executive Director- Lucas-TVS Ltd*
- [Prof. K. Bhaskar Ramamurthi](#), *Director, Indian Institute of Technology Madras*
- [Mr. K Ganesan](#), *Vice President – Human Resources, Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.*
- [Mr. Ram](#), *IIT, Director*
- [Mr. Viran](#), *Academic Relation Coordinator, Wipro Ltd*
- [Prof. N. K. Narayanan](#), *Former Principal, Pachaiyappa's College*
- [Dr. S. Selvam](#), *Former Director – CUIC, Anna University*
- [Dr. Mangala Sunder Krishnan](#), *Web Coordinator (NPTEL), Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, IIT Madras*
- [Ms. Hema Gopal](#), *Vice President & Global Head, Tata Consultancy Services*

Who will attend

Representatives from Universities, Higher Educational Institutions, Academicians and Scholars, Government Officials, Policy Makers, Think Tanks, Banks, Financial Institutions, Corporates & Industry representatives, Training Institutes, Infrastructure and IT companies providing technology products and services, NGOs, International Organisations & Associations, Embassies, High Commissions & Consulates and Other Stakeholders.

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