



**INDCON 2020-21**  
**BUILDING STRONGER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ECOSYSTEM**  
**ENABLING SAKSHAM BHARAT ABHIYAAN**  
SERIES OF CONCLAVES With PAN-INDIA FOCUS

**CONCLAVE-1 (Mumbai & Pune)**  
**26<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

**Dear Sir/ Madam,**

IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Knowledge Committee in association with MIT-World Peace University (MIT-WPU) is organizing **"INDCON 2020-2021 – Industry Academia Conclave (Online)"- Series of Virtual Conclaves on "BUILDING STRONGER RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ECOSYSTEM -Enabling Saksham Bharat Abhiyaan"** comprising of 11 conferences spread over 11 cities.

**INDCON 2020-21** is a series of Conclaves being organized by the IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with MIT-World Peace University (MIT-WPU) including the inaugural session on Monday, October 26, a series of conclaves will be organized over the next nine months involving interlocutors from industry, academia, educationists, scholars and other experts representing different regions and cities of India who will deliberate on developing industry-academia collaborative research ecosystem in India. At the end of this pan-India exercise, a White Paper will be prepared based on inputs from various regions and will be submitted to the government for consideration.

**INDCON 2020-21** aims to connect Senior Leaders from Industry and Academia. The enhancement of research and innovation through joint research projects, delivery of innovative commercial products, improvements in teaching, learning and enrichment of students' knowledge and their employability, as well as providing new streams of funding to tertiary institutions are the key objectives of this program. A robust collaboration between academia and industry will benefit our economy enabling innovation, growth in the education system and producing an employment-ready workforce and thus immensely contribute to achieving target of \$5 trillion economy.. This program

is an effort to initiate a dialogue to understand how Industry foresees the upcoming shape of key trends.

The first conclave of the series will be launched on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2020 focusing on Mumbai- Pune region. The Mumbai- Pune event will be spread over 3 days- starting from 26<sup>th</sup> Oct to 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2020 during which 9 virtual sessions will be held with active participation from all stakeholders – Industry, Academia and R&D experts.

**Program Details are as follows:**

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 (Three Days)

**Time:** 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

**Platform:** Online

**Topics to be covered:**

- Role of Educational Institutions in Research and Development Initiatives in India
- Industry – Academia Knowledge collaboration, role of corporates in India
- Research eco-system in India, role of industries and academic institutions
- Opportunities and Challenges for sustainable R&D initiatives in India
- Will the NEP-2020 be helpful in promoting Research and Development culture in India?
- Best practices in Research and Development: India and other top 10 countries in R&D
- Identifying the potential of R&D in India and understanding the challenges faced by the academic institutions to strengthen R&D within the university
- Research and Development: Challenges in Indian higher education

**Eminent speakers from Academia, Industry and Research and Development sector.**

**Who should attend:** Academicians, Policy makers, Researchers, Primary, Secondary, Vocational, or Tertiary Educators, Technologists and Scientists, School counsellors, Principals and Teachers, Education policy development representatives, Education advisors, Corporates, Professionals from the

private and public sector, Executives of Public/Private Sector Enterprises, Directors, Family Business Owners, Entrepreneurs, Venture Capital Companies, Angel Investors/ Incubation Centers, Corporate Directors, Senior Management Executives, Technical Career/employment officers and any person interested in Education, Industry, Technology, Research and Development

IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry invites you to the landmark Conclave focusing on Industry – Academia Knowledge Partnership – *a perspective beyond limitations.*

**Free limited access based on prior registration.** On receiving your registration, VC details will be shared.

**PLEASE SEE BELOW LINKS TO**

**Program**      **Registration**

For further details and help in registration, please contact Dr Ila Pathak Jha at 022-71226666 (linked to hand phone) or email on [ila.pathakjha@imcnet.org](mailto:ila.pathakjha@imcnet.org) or visit the website [www.imcnet.org](http://www.imcnet.org).

With regards,

**Ajit Mangrulkar**  
**Director General**

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**Program Itinerary**  
**INDCON 2020 - 2021**  
**Industry Academia Conclave**

| <b>Date: Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b> |                 |  |
|---|-----------------|--|
| <b>Venue: Virtual ONLINE</b>                      |                 |  |
| <b>Time: 10:00 am to 04:00 pm</b>                 |                 |  |
| <b>Time</b>                                       | <b>Duration</b> | <b>Programme#</b>  |
| 10:00 am<br>to<br>11:00 am                        | 1 hr            | <b><u>Inaugural Session-</u></b><br><b>Launching “Creating Next Frontier in Research &amp; Development Ecosystem, Enabling Atmanirbhar Bharat”</b><br><b>Keynote Address by Chief Guest: Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Union Minister of Education**</b><br><b>Address by Guest of Honour: Dr. Suhas Pednekar, Vice Chancellor- University of Mumbai**</b><br>(**confirmation awaited) |
| 11:15 am  | 15 mins         | <b>Q &amp; A Session</b>   |
| 11:30 am  | 30 mins         | <b>Break</b>   |
| 12:00 noon  | 15 mins         | <b><u>Session -1</u>“Role of Educational Institutions in Research and Development Initiatives in India”</b><br><b>Setting the context on the topic of discussion.</b>  |
| 12:15 pm  | 15 mins         | <b>Moderator invites all the panel members to give 5 minutes opening remark on the topic of discussion.</b>  |
| 12:30 pm  | 45 mins         | <b>Moderator speaks to each panelist with specific questions based on the opening remarks in context to the topic and gives 15 minutes to each panel member.</b>   |
| 01:15 pm  | 15 mins         | <b>Q &amp; A Session with attendees</b>  |
| 01:30 pm  | 60 mins         | <b>Lunch Break</b>   |
| 02:30 pm  | 15 mins         | <b><u>Session-2</u>“Industry – Academia Knowledge collaboration, role of corporates in India”</b><br><b>-Setting the context on the topic of discussion.</b>   |
| 02:45 pm  | 15 mins         | <b>Moderator invites all the panel members to give 5 minutes opening remark on the topic of discussion.</b>  |
| 03:00 pm  | 45 mins         | <b>Moderator speaks to each panelist with specific questions based on the opening remarks in context to the topic and gives 15 minutes to each panel member.</b>   |
| 03:45 pm  | 15 mins         | <b>Q &amp; A Session with attendees</b>  |

**Program Itinerary**  
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| <b>Date: Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b> |                 |   |
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| <b>Venue: Virtual</b>                              |                 |   |
| <b>Time: 10:00 am to 04:00 pm</b>                  |                 |   |
| <b>Time</b>  | <b>Duration</b> | <b>Programme#</b>   |
| 10:00 am   | 15 min          | <b>Session -1</b> “Research eco-system in India, role of industries and academic institutions”<br>-Setting the context on the topic of discussion.          |
| 10:15 am   | 15 mins         | Moderator invites all the panel members to give 5 minutes opening remark on the topic of discussion.  |
| 10:30 am   | 45 mins         | Moderator speaks to each panelist with specific questions based on the opening remarks in context to the topic and gives 15 minutes to each panel member.   |
| 11:15 am   | 15 mins         | Q & A Session with attendees  |
| 11:30 am   | 30 mins         | Break   |
| 12:00 noon   | 15 mins         | <b>Session -2</b> “Opportunities and Challenges for sustainable R&D initiatives in India”-<br>Setting the context on the topic of discussion.               |
| 12:15 pm   | 15 mins         | Moderator invites all the panel members to give 5 minutes opening remark on the topic of discussion.  |
| 12:30 pm   | 45 mins         | Moderator speaks to each panelist with specific questions based on the opening remarks in context to the topic and gives 15 minutes to each panel member.   |
| 01:15 pm   | 15 mins         | Q & A Session with attendees  |
| 01:30 pm   | 60 mins         | Lunch Break   |
| 02:30 pm   | 15 mins         | <b>Session-3</b> “Will the NEP-2020 be helpful in promoting Research and Development culture in India?”<br>-Setting the context on the topic of discussion. |
| 02:45 pm   | 15 mins         | Moderator invites all the panel members to give 5 minutes opening remark on the topic of discussion.  |
| 03:00 pm   | 45 mins         | Moderator speaks to each panelist with specific questions based on the opening remarks in context to the topic and gives 15 minutes to each panel member.   |
| 03:45 pm   | 15 mins         | Q & A Session with attendees  |

**Program Itinerary**  
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| <b>Date: Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b> |                 |  |
|--|-----------------|--|
| <b>Venue: Virtual</b>                                |                 |  |
| <b>Time: 10:00 am to 04:00 pm</b>                    |                 |  |
| <b>Time</b>  | <b>Duration</b> | <b>Programme#</b>  |
| 10:00 am   | 15 min          | <b>Session -1</b> “Best practices in Research and Development: India and other top 10 countries in R&D” - Setting the context on the topic of discussion.  |
| 10:15 am   | 15 mins         | <b>Moderator invites all the panel members to give 5 minutes opening remark on the topic of discussion.</b>  |
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| 11:15 am   | 15 mins         | <b>Q &amp; A Session with attendees</b>  |
| 11:30 am   | 30 mins         | <b>Break</b>   |
| 12:00 noon   | 15 mins         | <b>Session -2</b> “Identifying the potential of R&D in India and understanding the challenges faced by the academic institutions to strengthen R&D within the University”- Setting the context on the topic of discussion. |
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| 01:15 pm   | 15 mins         | <b>Q &amp; A Session with attendees</b>  |
| 01:30 pm   | 60 mins         | <b>Lunch Break</b>   |
| 02:30 pm   | 15 mins         | <b>Session-3</b> “Research and Development: Challenges in Indian higher education”<br>-Setting the context on the topic of discussion.   |
| 02:45 pm   | 15 mins         | <b>Moderator invites all the panel members to give 5 minutes opening remark on the topic of discussion.</b>  |
| 03:00 pm   | 45 mins         | <b>Moderator speaks to each panelist with specific questions based on the opening remarks in context to the topic and gives 15 minutes to each panel member.</b>   |
| 03:45 pm   | 15 mins         | <b>Q &amp; A Session with attendees</b>  |

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