

REPORT OF CONFERENCE ON

**Entrepreneurial Universities: The Future of Indian Universities**

NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD

November 28, 2016

On November 28, 2016, the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute in partnership with NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Indo – Canadian conference on “**Entrepreneurial Universities: The Future of Indian Universities**” at the NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. The conference was a novel attempt in India in understanding the nature of Entrepreneurial Universities and the role that they can play in the larger context of economic development in India. In the realm of creating international standards for Indian Universities several key learnings from Canadian Universities and the Canadian education system were discussed.

The conference aimed to act as a platform for thought leaders from government, bureaucracy, industry and academia to share their views and explore potential modifications at institutional, country and legislative level for promotion of entrepreneurial universities in India. The conference also facilitated identification of knowledge and practice gaps in the area of entrepreneurial universities. The deliberations provided opportunities to all those interested in creating and sustaining entrepreneurial universities to participate and understand the context of



entrepreneurial focus at universities. The conference was designed keeping in mind dialogic mode of inquiry through two panel discussions around key themes with eminent academicians, scientists, academic administrators and entrepreneurs as speakers. The Conference acted as a platform for thought leaders from government, bureaucracy, industry and academia to share their views and explore potential modifications at institutional, country and legislative level for promotion of entrepreneurial universities in India. It was attended by several inquisitive participants who came about to learn and adopt international practices in their respective institutes *(Refer to Annexure I for the list of participants)*.



Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice - Chancellor, NALSAR University of Law and Member-at -Large, SICI Executive Council welcomed the dignitaries, speakers and participants to the conference. He extended his welcome to the President, Vice - President and other members of the SICI executive council to NALSAR

University of Law. In addition to giving an overview of the theme of the conference, he also set the tone for the deliberations that were to follow on a theme that is being debated globally. In his introduction of the conference he mentioned the importance that universities have in nation building and how in addition to research and teaching, it has become important for the universities to develop and sustain an engaging entrepreneurial ecosystem for the learners to explore possibilities.

The guest of honour, Prof. Javed Iqbal, Director, Institute of Life Sciences, Hyderabad congratulated SICI and NALSAR University of Law for organizing a conference in an area that has not been explored in India. He also reflected upon his experience of being a scientist who has had panache for exploring the commercial side of research too. He made a through presentation of the theme of the conference that was aimed at making

everybody in the hall understand what an entrepreneurial university meant and what were its aims. His presentation ended with a set of recommendations that can make our university system better equipped to harness the untapped entrepreneurial drive of the learners and provide them with a conducive platform to express their ideas.

The Chief Guest for the inaugural session was Prof. Ch. Mohan Rao, Former Director, CCMB, Hyderabad and presently J.C. Bose National Fellow, CCMB, Hyderabad. He thanked SICI and NALSAR University of Law for inviting him to the conference that he had always felt was one of the critical areas where universities in India and abroad had



missed the plot. An acclaimed scientist, he too has successfully translated research into commercial product that have created positive social change. He stressed upon the fact that science and translation of science into socially relevant solutions was the way forward for sustainable endeavour. He also sounded

the warning that too much focus on commercial exploration of science may result in disinterest in pure and basic scientific inquiry. He concluded his address with a call to all present in the hall for maintaining a harmony between pure and applied research for real development and growth of the nation.

Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi proposed a vote of thanks to Prof. Javed Iqbal and Prof. Ch. Mohan Rao and concluded the inaugural session.

After the inaugural session, the conference proceeded with two panel discussions. The first panel discussion titled “**Conceptualizing Entrepreneurial Universities in Indian Context**” had Prof. Mrutyunjay Suar, Director, KIIT School of Biotechnology as the keynote speaker; Prof. J.S. Patil, Vice – Chancellor, National Law University, Assam, Dr.



Pinaki Nandan Pattnaik, Head, Centre for Management Studies, NALSAR University of Law, Dr. Shanta Thoutam, Director, Innovation Cluster, T-Hub as speakers and was presided by Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay, President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute. The panel discussion aimed at

generating an operational understanding of the theme of the conference keeping a multitude of audiences in mind.

The discussion was followed by the second panel discussion titled **“Creating Entrepreneurial Schematics: University Level Challenges and Possibilities”**. *Keynote Speaker:* Prof. Ajit Rangnekar, Former Dean, Indian School of Business was the keynote speaker; Prof. Bhavani Prasad Panda, Vice – Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, Prof. P. J. Narayanan, Director, IIIT – Hyderabad, Prof. V. Venkata Ramana, Director, Technology Business Incubator, UOH, Dr. Aveena Gudapati, serial entrepreneur were the speakers and the panel discussion was presided by Prof. Girish M. Shah, Vice-President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute. The panel discussion aimed at generating much needed insights on what universities can do to sail smoothly in the turbulent waves of increased scrutiny, external pressures and fund raising.

Prof. B. Hariharan (Member -at -Large, SICI Executive Council), Professor, Institute of English and Director of the UGC Area Study Centre for Canadian Studies, University of Kerala offered the vote of thanks.

**1<sup>st</sup> Indo-Canadian Conference**  
**on**  
**Entrepreneurial Universities:**  
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November 28, 2016  
at  
**NALSAR University of Law**

**10:30 am – 11:00 am**

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Registration of Delegates

**11:15 am – 11:45 pm**

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*Welcome address* by Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR University of Law

*Address by Guest of Honour*, Prof. Javed Iqbal, Director, Institute of Life Sciences, Hyderabad

*Chief Guest*: Prof. Ch. Mohan Rao, Former Director, CCMB, Hyderabad and presently

J.C. Bose National Fellow, CCMB, Hyderabad

*Vote of Thanks*: Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi

**11:45 am – 12.00 noon**

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Tea Break

**12.00 noon – 12:45 pm**

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**Panel One: Conceptualizing Entrepreneurial Universities in Indian Context**

*Keynote Speaker*: Dr. Rama Raju Kanumuri, Managing Director, Squanda Group

*Speaker*: Prof. J.S. Patil, Vice – Chancellor, National Law University, Assam

*Speaker*: Prof. Mrutyunjay Suar, Director, KIIT School of Biotechnology

*Speaker*: Dr. Pinaki Nandan Pattnaik, Head, Centre for Management Studies, NALSAR University of Law

*Speaker*: Dr. Shanta Thoutam, Director, Innovation Cluster, T-Hub

*Presided by*: Prof. Suchorita Chattopadhyay, President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

**12:45 pm - 1:30 pm**

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**Panel Two: Creating Entrepreneurial Schematics: University Level Challenges and Possibilities**

*Keynote Speaker:* Prof. Ajit Rangnekar, Former Dean, Indian School of Business

*Speaker:* Prof. Bhavani Prasad Panda, Vice - Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai

*Speaker:* Prof. P. J. Narayanan, Director, IIIT - Hyderabad

*Speaker:* Prof. V. Venkata Ramana, Director, Technology Business Incubator, UOH

*Speaker:* Dr. Aveena Gudapati, serial entrepreneur

*Presided by:* Prof. Girish M. Shah, Vice-President, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.

**1:30 pm**

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*Vote of Thanks:* Prof. B. Hariharan (Member -at -Large, SICI Executive Council), Professor, Institute of English and Director of the UGC Area Study Centre for Canadian Studies, University of Kerala

*Lunch*

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