

# VICE CHANCELLORS' CONCLAVE

CONSUMER CONNECT INITIATIVE

## The beacons of EDUCATION

The Vice Chancellors' conclave organised by **The Times of India** in association with Ajeenkya DY Patil University, Vishwakarma University and Symbiosis Skills and Open University brought together, for the first time, eminent educationists on a platform to discuss the changes that are needed in the educational system

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It was a prestigious platform that saw members of Vice Chancellors' and renowned educationist deliberating on issues relating to the transition to enhancing employability quotient. The Vice Chancellors' conclave organized by The Times of India in association with Ajeenkya DY Patil University, Vishwakarma University and Symbiosis Skills and Open University for the first time brought together eminent educationists and thought leaders to lay the foundation for the changes to be framed around the future of



their interests. Ibarat, Aswari, President, Vishwakarma University. He spoke about the huge divide between urban India and rural India. "We need to make sure that rural India also gets better quality of education just like it is in the urban parts. We also need to make education self-sufficient and do not spend time around the campus."

Sri Sri Mujumdar, Pro-Chancellor, Symbiosis Skills and Open University, while talking among students said, "South Korea has around 95 per cent of skilled work force while India has only seven per cent. Skill development in India is



>> S S Mujumdar, Hridaysh Dushyanide, Bharat Aggarwal and Sruati Mujumdar delivering their addresses at the conclave



>> Dr R Swati Mujumdar, S S Mujumdar and Bharat Aggarwal look on as Hridaysh Deshpande lights the traditional lamp



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### KEY TAKEAWAYS

#### GLOBAL ACADEMICS

Foreign Universities: The Ups  
 • Operating in tandem with the foreign varieties for a seamless process to assist our students  
 • Education sector needs more flexibility

#### SKILLING INDIA

Enhancing Employability Quotient  
 • Skill-based education must be encouraged along with knowledge-based education  
 • Facilities consistent with both, the industry and the academics should be encouraged

#### AGE OF DISRUPTION

Role of Young Universities  
 • Disruption should be used to our advantage  
 • Use of technology in promoting education should be encouraged

education in India. Padma Subrahmanya S B Jambhale, Founder Chairman of Symbiosis Society who was the guest of honour at the conclave spoke about the role of young universities. "I have seen many universities in the last few decades in higher education and believe that education is not just about the rote learning but it is about the process associated with it and assess students based on their skills and aptitude. We have a young population with more than 50 per cent below 25 years of age. We need to convert this young population into human resource and this is possible only with collaboration."

With over 100 universities, at least 1000 colleges and more students, only 24 per cent opt for higher education, whereas the world's average stands at 27 per cent. Hridaysh Dushyanide, Member of Governing Body



spoken about in terms of innovation and Linkages. Savitribai Prule Patil, Vice-Chancellor, Symbiosis Skills and Open University, while talking about the need for skill-based education said, "We need to have a skill-based education system that is not just about the rote learning but it is about the process associated with it and assess students based on their skills and aptitude. We have a young population with more than 50 per cent below 25 years of age. We need to convert this young population into human resource and this is possible only with collaboration."

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The conclave set the ball rolling for greater synergy between corporate and the academic fraternity in imparting industry-based education to students. The conclave also highlighted the need for skill-based education and the role of young universities in providing quality education to students. The conclave was a success and it is expected that it will lead to more such events in the future.

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