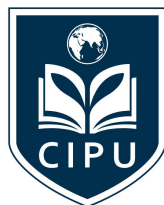


Bharat Higher Education Summit (BHES) 2025

Day Two: Plenary Sessions – 24th April 2025, Mahindra University

Time	Duration	Description
0900	20 mins	Special Address on ‘ Challenges to Academic Leadership in the Next Decade ’ by Prof. (Dr.) D.P. Agrawal , Former Chairman, Union Public Service Commission
0920	20 mins	Guest of Honour Address on ‘ Education as Soft Power – India’s Global Influence through Higher Learning ’ by Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale , In-Charge, Overseas Friends of BJP & Foreign Affairs Cell, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
0940 hrs	90 mins	Panel Discussion 1 – Public-Private Partnership in Research Capacity Building
0940 hrs	10 mins	Welcome Remarks and Context Setting by Prof. (Dr.) Rajasekharan Pillai , Former Chairman, UGC and Vice Chancellor, Somaiya Vidyavihar University
0950 hrs	60 mins	Panel Discussion Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kashyap , President and Chancellor, NICMAR University, Pune Prof. (Dr.) Roop Mahajan , Lewis A. Hester Chair in Engineering, Virginia Tech Dr. Sunil Rai , President, UPES, Dehradun Prof. (Dr.) B. S. Murty , Director, IIT Hyderabad Prof. (Dr.) Nihar Ranjan Biswas , Vice Chancellor, Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Puducherry
1050 hrs	15 mins	Open House
1105 hrs	5 mins	Felicitation of Speakers and Group Photo
1110 hrs	30 mins	Tea/Coffee Break
1130	90 mins	Panel Discussion 2 – Leadership Skills for Digital Age
1130 hrs	10 mins	Welcome Remarks and Context Setting by Prof. (Dr.) Parvinder Singh , Chairperson, CIPU Northern India Regional Council and Vice Chancellor, Lamrin Tech Skills University, Punjab



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1140 hrs	60 mins	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Dr. Onkar Bagaria, Trustee & CEO, Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur</p> <p>Prof. (Dr.) Rajita Kulkarni, President, Sri Sri University, Cuttack</p> <p>Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Pujari, HOD of AI & CSE, Adviser & Professor Emeritus, Mahindra University, Hyderabad</p> <p>Prof. (Dr.) N. J. Pawar, Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune</p>
1240 hrs	15 mins	Open House
1255 hrs	5 mins	Felicitation of Speakers and Group Photo
1300 hrs	60 mins	Lunch Break
1400 hrs	90 mins	<p>Panel Discussion 3 – Fostering Entrepreneurial Mindsets in Academia</p> <p>Welcome Remarks and Context Setting by Prof. (Dr.) Ramgopal Rao, Group Vice Chancellor, BITS Pilani</p>
1400 hrs	10 mins	Panel Discussion
1410 hrs	60 mins	<p>Prof. (Dr.) Pawan Kumar Singh, Director, IIM Tiruchirappalli</p> <p>Prof. (Dr.) Y.S.R. Murthy, Vice Chancellor, The Assam Royal Global University</p> <p>Dr. Madhu Chitkara, Pro-Chancellor, Chitkara University, Punjab</p> <p>Dr. Yogesh Brahmanekar, Innovation Director, MoE's Innovation Cell</p> <p>Mr. Rajesh Pagadala, President, TiE Hyderabad and Founder & Managing Director, Pagadala Constructions Pvt. Ltd.</p>
1510 hrs	15 mins	Open House
1525 hrs	5 mins	Felicitation of Speakers and Group Photo
1530 hrs	30 mins	Tea/Coffee Break
1600 hrs	90 mins	Panel Discussion 4 – Leadership in Research and Innovation
1600 hrs	10 mins	Welcome Remarks and Context Setting by Prof. (Dr.) Sandeep Sancheti , Chairperson, CIPU National Committee on R&D and Industry-Academia Collaboration and Vice President – Research Relations & Academic Affairs, Elsevier India



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1610 hrs 60 mins Panel Discussion

Prof. M. Krishnamurthy, Centre Director, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Hyderabad

Prof. (Dr.) Arvind Shaligram, Hon. Director, ISRO-UoP Space Technology Cell, Savitribai Phule Pune University

Dr. S. V. Kota Reddy, Vice Chancellor, VIT – AP University

Prof. (Dr.) Bishnu Pal, Professor & Dean Ecole Centrale School of Engineering & HoD, Physics, Mahindra University

1710 hrs 15 mins Open House

1725 hrs 5 mins Felicitation of Speakers and Group Photo

1730 hrs 5 mins Vote of Thanks by **Mr. R. Karthik**, Director General, Confederation of Indian Private Universities (CIPU)
