

CONFEDERATION OF INDIAN PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

Moving Bharat (India) Again Towards Vishwa Guru

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About CIPU

The Confederation of Indian Private Universities (CIPU) is a mission-driven, **not-for-profit** organisation established to champion the voice, visibility, and vitality of India's Private Universities. Born out of deep consultation and strategic dialogues with academic and policy leaders, CIPU took shape through landmark engagements—beginning with a Visioning Workshop in Washington D.C. in 2022 and followed by a pivotal national convening of over 70 leading private universities in Pune in 2023.

CIPU envisions positioning India as the knowledge capital of the world, reigniting its civilizational role as a Vishwa Guru in the 21st century. Anchored in this vision, CIPU works at the intersection of policy, practice, and partnerships to empower private universities and elevate their role in shaping national and global education agendas.

Through sustained engagement with government, academia, industry, and international associations, CIPU advocates for enabling policies, fosters institutional collaboration, and promotes the internationalization of Indian higher education.

CIPU also serves as a dynamic platform for academic leaders to exchange ideas, co-create solutions, and drive excellence. Its member institutions come together to share best practices, engage in consensus-building, and address emerging challenges in a rapidly evolving educational ecosystem.

Together, we strive to build a future-ready, globally respected, and socially impactful higher education system for India.

VISION

• To re-establish India as the Vishwa Guru and the world's knowledge capital.

MISSION

- Sharing of intellectual capital, among the Universities
- Act as a bridge builder between the Universities and the Government (both State and Central Government) in policy intervention
- Collaboration with various national and international Universities / bodies / institutions.
- Help member institutions towards internationalization
- To facilitate pedagogical excellence through training programs
- To create an ecosystem for research and innovation
- To facilitate industry-academia collaborations.

The Seed Thought

Taking forward Prime Minister's vision on Vishwa Guru, CIPU has been conceptualized by academic thought leaders from the United States and India. This is an opportune time to work for transforming higher education in India. India has one of the largest higher education systems in the world, with over 50,000 institutions, including Universities, colleges and technical institutions. To transform higher education in India, several areas need to be addressed.

First, there needs to be a greater focus on research and innovation. India needs to invest more in research infrastructure, support the development of research capacity, and encourage greater collaboration between academia and industry.

Second, there is a need to revamp the curriculum and pedagogy to make it more relevant to the needs of the 21st century. The curriculum should be designed to equip students with the skills they need to succeed in the digital economy, such as critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity.

Third, there is a need to ensure greater access to higher education. India has made significant progress in increasing enrolment rates, but there are still significant disparities in access to higher education, particularly

President, University of Arizona, USA

among disadvantaged groups. There is a need to provide greater financial support to students from economically weaker sections.

Fourth, there is a need to address the issue of quality assurance. The quality of higher education in India varies widely, and there is a need to establish clear standards and mechanisms for quality assurance.

Finally, there is a need to promote greater internationalization of higher education. India has a rich history of learning and scholarship, and there is a need to promote greater exchange of knowledge and expertise with other countries. This can be achieved through greater collaboration between Indian and foreign institutions, as well as through the development of joint research and exchange programs.

CIPU will work with multiple stakeholders, including government, academia, industry and civil society. By addressing the issues of research and innovation, curriculum and pedagogy, access, quality assurance, and internationalization, India can create a higher education system that is truly world class, becomes the knowledge capital of the world and able to meet the needs of the 21st century.

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Executive President, MIT World Peace University, Pune

Strategic Partners



The objective of the MoU is to foster collaboration and strengthen working relationship between CIPU and APLU to enhance educational excellence, promote innovation, facilitate student and faculty exchanges and contribute to addressing global challenges through joint research initiatives and shared expertise. By working together CIPU & APLU seek to advance higher education and create a framework for collaborative efforts to create learning opportunities and promote innovation.

This MOU signifies a pivotal step in strengthening ties between the two organizations, focusing on shared goals of innovation, research, and development in higher education.



The MoU between the Confederation of Indian Private Universities (CIPU) and TiE aims to foster collaboration between private universities and the entrepreneurial ecosystem, enhancing innovation, mentorship, and networking opportunities for students, faculty, and startups. This partnership seeks to empower the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs by creating a platform for knowledge exchange, business incubation, and growth, ultimately driving India's economic development and global competitiveness.

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SOUTHERN INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL (SIRC)

CIPU NATIONAL COMMITTEES

- National Committee on R&D and Industry-Academia Collaboration
- National Committee on Implementation of NEP 2020
- National Committee on Policy Advocacy & Government Relations
- National Committee on Sustainability
- National Committee on Education 5.0
- National Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Higher Education



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12- Point Strategic Framework

In an era where the landscape of higher education is rapidly evolving, Private Universities in India face unique challenges and opportunities. The Confederation of Indian Private Universities (CIPU) stands as a beacon of support and advocacy, dedicated to addressing these challenges and unlocking the potential of these institutions. Our mission is to create a vibrant, collaborative, and innovative ecosystem that nurtures academic excellence, fosters growth, and ensures the sustainability of Private Universities across the nation.



UNIFIED ADVOCACY FOR POLICY AND REGULATION

CIPU will serve as a powerful unified voice, advocating for policies and regulations that address the unique needs of Private Universities. Our dedicated efforts will ensure that the interests of the Private Universities are represented at the highest levels of government and regulatory bodies, fostering a conducive environment for growth and excellence.



STRATEGIC FINANCIAL SUPPORT

CIPU shall facilitate access to government and corporate grants, providing guidance and support in securing financial resources. We will offer innovative solutions to diversify revenue streams, reducing dependency on tuition fees and ensuring financial stability.



QUALITY AND ACCREDITATION

Our expert consultancy services and resources will help Universities meet and exceed accreditation standards, ensuring academic excellence and credibility.

We will create platforms for sharing best practices in quality assurance, curriculum development, and academic standards, fostering continuous improvement.



CAPACITY BUILDING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

CIPU will organize comprehensive leadership and professional development programs, enhancing the skills and knowledge of administrators and faculty members to ensure they remain at the forefront of their fields.

CIPU shall also strive to establish a Capacity Building Institution for the higher education sector in collaboration with all the stakeholders.

TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

CIPU will promote the integration of cutting-edge technology in teaching and administration, enhancing the educational experience for both students and faculty. Our initiatives will support the adoption of digital tools and platforms, facilitating a modern and effcient academic environment.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CATALYST

CIPU will establish platforms for collaborative research, connecting Universities with industry partners and international institutions to enhance research capabilities and output. We will foster a culture of innovation, driving advancements that benefit society and the academic community.

12- Point Strategic Framework



INDUSTRY COLLABORATION AND EMPLOYABILITY

CIPU will facilitate strategic partnerships with industry, creating opportunities for internships, placements, and collaborative projects that enhance employability.

We will provide insights and resources to align curricula with industry needs, ensuring graduates are jobready and equipped with relevant skills.



INTERNATIONALIZATION

CIPU will facilitate partnerships with international Universities and organisations, enabling member institutions to engage in student and faculty exchange programs, joint research, and global collaborations. Our efforts will promote internationalization, enriching the academic experience and broadening perspectives.

NEP 2020 IMPLEMENTATION

CIPU will provide comprehensive guidance on implementing the National Education Policy 2020, helping Universities align their curricula and policies with NEP recommendations.

We offer workshops, training programs, and resources to build the capacity of Universities to adopt and integrate NEP 2020 initiatives, promoting holistic and multidisciplinary education.



ESG FOCUS

CIPU will develop an Environmental, Social and Governance Framework for Private Universities and will provide resources and guidance for integrating sustainability education into curricula.

CIPU will foster research and innovation in sustainability, encouraging Universities to develop solutions to environmental challenges and contribute to sustainable development goals.



OWNERS/CHANCELLORS' FORUM

CIPU will establish an exclusive Owners/Chancellors' Forum, creating a platform for high level dialogue and collaboration among University leaders. This forum will facilitate the exchange of strategic insights, best practices, and visionary ideas, driving collective growth. It will serve as a think tank for addressing common challenges, exploring new opportunities, and shaping the future of private higher education in India.



STUDENT-CENTRIC INITIATIVES

CIPU will launch and support initiatives focused on enhancing the overall student experience, including mental health programs, entrepreneurship development, and leadership training.

Visioning Workshop 2022

June 2022, Washington D.C

The Vision Workshop 2022 was purposed to act as a bridge between India and USA by enabling the cross pollination of new knowledge, ideas, and approaches of strategic nature between the most accomplished academicians in India and the US diaspora and bring together best practices to the Indian higher education landscape.

The platform facilitated interactions between the eminent academicians, scientists and thought leaders of Indian origin in the US and academic & scientific leadership of India so they could effectively work on transforming the Indian Higher Education System by drawing on the comprehensive and global network of leaders in academia, research, and industry.



2 DAYS of rigorous workshops and roundtable discussions.



50+ attendees



Dignitaries in the field of education across India and the U.S.



Dr. Rahul V. Karad - Executive President, MIT-WPU with Distinguished Academic Leaders from India & USA

Workshop on Strategizing & Transforming Higher Education in India

January 2023, Pune

VISION OF THE WORKSHOP

To catalyse the transformation of higher education in India through open dialogue between Indian and US academicians and educationists.

MISSION OF THE WORKSHOP

To harness the collective wisdom of the academicians to bring back the lost glory of the Indian higher education system.



2 DAYS of rigorous workshops and roundtable discussions.



100+ attendees



Dignitaries in the field of education across India and the U.S.



The Pune Declaration on Higher Education

January 2023, Pune

We, the participants, as representatives of higher education institutions and stakeholder organizations, recognize the crucial role that higher education plays in the development of a strong and prosperous nation. Drawing on our nation's history of ancient wisdom and science, combined with learning and evolving methods of modern science and technology, and guided by a spirit of ethical and democratic principles, Indian higher education institutions are equipped to produce graduates well-prepared to meet the challenges and opportunities for the global community now and in the future.

By harnessing the power of higher education, India can once again become one of the world's significant models for an advanced and harmonious society. We therefore declare the following:

1. Advance Quality at All Levels of Higher Education: Through attention to institutional governance, curricular design, and student support infrastructure, we will promote quality at all levels of higher education. We commit to pursuing opportunities to understand and share best practices in classroom pedagogy, instructional innovation, and experiential learning to ensure that Indian universities provide the necessary quality in undergraduate and graduate education, as well as much-needed upskilling, professional development and continuing education programs.

2. Build an Accessible, Inclusive, and Affordable Higher Education System: We will work to create an inclusive and equitable higher education system, where opportunities are accessible to all, regardless of gender, background or socioeconomic status. We will work to provide access for students from under-privileged strata of society to quality higher education.

3. Promote a Culture of Excellence in Research and Innovation: We believe research for the purposes of discovery and innovation is a fundamental aspect of social and economic development, and that an environment of free and ethical inquiry is essential to research that will truly better society. We commit to providing opportunities to develop meaningful research programs, foster collaboration within and across institutions, promote entrepreneurial thinking and learning, and effectively pursue governmental funding and corporate partnerships.

4. Pursue Sustainability and Social Betterment: We will steadfastly support research and development of new technologies and approaches that have the potential to promote sustainability on campus, in the community and across the world, and we will promote ethical, responsible, and sustainable means to bring these technologies to market. The pursuit of knowledge and innovative practices that contribute to uplifting society and addressing shared challenges is essential to a successful future for India and the world.

5. Demonstrate the Value of Internationalisation and Global Connections in Education: We will work to ensure that all higher education institutions actively internationalise their curricula, pedagogy, innovation culture and research, and we will develop opportunities for partnership and exchange with institutions around the world.

6. Promote the Cultural Heritage of India: We hereby commit to promoting and strengthening the cultural and spiritual heritage of Indian higher education. By working to advance higher education in India, we strengthen the institutions that help to preserve and pass on India's heritage and values to future generations.

Through this statement, we resolve to take action to realize the power of higher education in India so that the nation will once again become a Vishwa Guru, engaging as a respected partner in the global community which seeks to advance a just sustainable and harmonious world.

Signatories to Pune Declaration

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Vice Chancellors' Meet, 2024

January 2024 | Pune

In continuation to the Visioning Workshops held at Washington D.C and Pune in 2022 and 2023 respectively, the first Vice Chancellors' Meet of the newly launched Confederation of Indian Private Universities (CIPU) was held in January 2024 at the MIT-World Peace University campus in Pune. More than 20 Vice Chancellors representing leading institutions across India participated in the interactive session and shared their valuable insights on the strategic vision and roadmap for the organisation. The meeting was presided by Prof. (Dr.) Suresh Garimella, President, University of Vermont, USA. The Vice Chancellors who participated decided the key focus areas of the Confederation and also discussed the importance of such a forum in the Indian Higher Education space in today's scenario.





Indian Academic Leaders' Delegation to the USA

November, 2024 I Orlando, Florida and Tucson, Arizona, USA

India – USA Higher Education Dialogue

A Confederation of Indian Private Universities (CIPU) initiative aimed at strengthening ties in the higher education sector. The event focused on enhancing academic exchange, promoting research partnerships, and fostering mutual understanding between institutions in India and the USA. The dialogue was held to provide a platform for leaders, policymakers, and educators from both countries to discuss opportunities for cooperation, address challenges, and share best practices in higher education. It included discussions on student mobility, academic collaborations, faculty exchanges, and joint research initiatives. Overall, the dialogue sought to strengthen the educational and cultural ties between India and the United States, benefiting both students and universities.



Indian Academic Leaders' Delegation



Visit to the University of Central Florida



Visit to the University of Arizona

Glimpses from the Event

















Membership

TYPES OF MEMBERS

Institutional Members-All Private Higher Education Institutions including Deemed to be Universities, State Private Universities, and autonomous institutions.

CIPU offers Honorary Individual Membership to distinguished academic thought leaders from around the world.

BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

- CIPU will facilitate both national and international partnerships for the members with our partner institutions and organisations within and outside India
- Opportunity to be the Convenor and Member of the Committees and Task Forces constituted by the Confederation and be known as a global thought leader
- Opportunity to conduct CIPU events in your campus and get the participation of global personalities from the industry, academia, NGOs and other sectors
- Opportunity to collaborate with the industry through MoUs for joint research and setting up of Centres of Excellence
- Get special invitations and passes for the International and National conferences organized by CIPU
- CIPU will help towards internship opportunities for the students through our industry partners
- Opportunity to join the delegation visits to US Universities and other countries to study the best practices
- Participate as a special invitee in the bilateral and multilateral round tables in higher education
- Special discounts for the members in the workshops and training programs organised by CIPU
- Opportunity to collaborate with the Indian diaspora community
- Best practices sharing among the Indian Universities
- CIPU can help to conceptualize sector-specific interactive sessions with the industry leaders in the member institution's campus.

INCREASE YOUR VISIBILITY

- Opportunity to publicize your institution's achievements and milestones through CIPU's social media pages and newsletters
- Promote your institution's flagship initiatives through CIPU website in the members' corner
- Give exclusive video and print interviews to our social media channels and newsletters
- Opportunity to sponsor CIPU's initiatives and to get visibility in the industry and global higher education landscape
- Contribute as a Knowledge Partner or as a speaker or a as a sponsor in the annual Higher Education Conference to be organized by CIPU
- Partner with CIPU for global webinars and become a speaker or moderator.

Membership

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EXCLUSIVE MASTERCLASSES, TRAINING AND ADVISORY SERVICES

- Opportunity to host as well as nominate your faculty for the Faculty Development Programs conducted by CIPU at regular intervals
- Assistance from the experts on the integration of critical topics like AI, Sustainability etc. into the existing curriculum
- Host Executive Development Programs and upskilling initiatives for working professionals in partnership with CIPU
- Conduct and participate in the Leadership Development Program for Vice Chancellors, Registrars, Controller of Examinations and other administrative roles in the higher education landscape
- Access to strategic advisory services on NEP, Internationalization, Education 4.0, Accreditation and Ranking etc. through our expert committees.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD AND INFLUENCE GLOBAL DEBATES

- Get exclusive speaking opportunities in the international and national conferences organized by CIPU
- Publish your articles on futuristic topics in our newsletters and website and get recognized as a global thought leader
- Moderate the online and offline seminars organized by CIPU and conceptualize your own events in partnership with the Confederation
- Get an opportunity to represent CIPU in the conferences organized by partner associations in other countries.

ADVOCACY

- Opportunity to take up the issues of the higher education sector to the Central and State Ministries and other regulatory bodies through the advocacy committee of CIPU
- Opportunity to be the representative of CIPU in the Committees constituted by the Central and State Governments
- Opportunity to host the interactive sessions with the Central and State Government authorities.





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