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## **Bharat Higher Education Summit (BHEST) 2025**

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

<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Description</b>
900	30 mins	Special Address on ' <b>Challenges to Academic Leadership in the Next Decade</b> ' by <b>Prof. (Dr.) D.P. Agrawal</b> , Former Chairman, Union Public Service Commission
<b>0930 hrs</b>	<b>90 mins</b>	<b>Panel Discussion 1 – Public-Private Partnership in Research Capacity Building</b>
0930 hrs	10 mins	Welcome Remarks and Context Setting by <b>Prof. (Dr.) Rajasekharan Pillai</b> , Former Chairman, UGC and Vice Chancellor, Somaiya Vidyavihar University
0940 hrs	60 mins	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kashyap</b> , President and Chancellor, NICMAR University, Pune <b>Dr. Sunil Rai</b> , President, UPES, Dehradun <b>Prof. (Dr.) B. S. Murty</b> , Director, IIT Hyderabad <b>Prof. (Dr.) Priyankar Upadhyaya</b> , UNESCO Chair for Peace, Banaras Hindu University and Senior Advisor, MIT-World Peace University, Pune
1040 hrs	15 mins	Open House
1055 hrs	5 mins	Felicitation of Speakers and Group Photo
<b>1100 hrs</b>	<b>30 mins</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>1130</b>	<b>90 mins</b>	<b>Panel Discussion 2 – Leadership Skills for Digital Age</b>
1130 hrs	10 mins	Welcome Remarks and Context Setting by <b>Prof. (Dr.) Parvinder Singh</b> , Chairperson, CIPU Northern India Regional Council and Vice Chancellor, Lamrin Tech Skills University, Punjab
1140 hrs	60 mins	Panel Discussion <b>Dr. Onkar Bagaria</b> , Trustee & CEO, Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur <b>Prof. (Dr.) Rajita Kulkarni</b> , President, Sri Sri University, Cuttack <b>Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Pujari</b> , HOD of AI & CSE, Adviser & Professor Emeritus, Mahindra University, Hyderabad <b>Prof. (Dr.) N. J. Pawar</b> , Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune
1240 hrs	15 mins	Open House



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1255 hrs	5 mins	Felicitation of Speakers and Group Photo
1300 hrs	60 mins	Lunch Break
<b>1400 hrs</b>	<b>90 mins</b>	<b>Panel Discussion 3 – Fostering Entrepreneurial Mindsets in Academia</b>
		Welcome Remarks and Context Setting by <b>Prof. (Dr.) Ramgopal Rao</b> , Group Vice Chancellor, BITS Pilani
1400 hrs	10 mins	Panel Discussion
1410 hrs	60 mins	<b>Prof. (Dr.) Pawan Kumar Singh</b> , Director, IIM Tiruchirappalli
		<b>Prof. (Dr.) Y.S.R. Murthy</b> , Vice Chancellor, The Assam Royal Global University
		<b>Dr. Madhu Chitkara</b> , Pro-Chancellor, Chitkara University, Punjab
		<b>Dr. Yogesh Brahmanekar</b> , Innovation Director, MoE's Innovation Cell
1510 hrs	15 mins	Open House
1525 hrs	5 mins	Felicitation of Speakers and Group Photo
1530 hrs	30 mins	Tea/Coffee Break
<b>1600 hrs</b>	<b>90 mins</b>	<b>Panel Discussion 4 – Leadership in Research and Innovation</b>
1600 hrs	10 mins	Welcome Remarks and Context Setting by <b>Prof. (Dr.) Sandeep Sancheti</b> , Chairperson, CIPU National Committee on R&D and Industry-Academia Collaboration and Vice President – Research Relations & Academic Affairs, Elsevier India
1610 hrs	60 mins	Panel Discussion
		<b>Prof. M. Krishnamurthy</b> , Centre Director, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Hyderabad
		<b>Prof. (Dr.) Arvind Shaligram</b> , Hon. Director, ISRO-UoP Space Technology Cell, Savitribai Phule Pune University
		<b>Dr. S. V. Kota Reddy</b> , Vice Chancellor, VIT – AP University
		<b>Prof. (Dr.) Bishnu Pal</b> , 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 <b>Prof. (Dr.) G.K. Shirude</b> , Honorary Vice President, CIPU and Vice Chancellor, Sri Balaji University, Pune (SBUP)

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