



# **CONFEDERATION OF INDIAN PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**

Moving India Towards Vishwa Guru



## About CIPU

Conceptualized by academic thought leader **Shri. Rahul V Karad** in collaboration with several American and Indian Higher Education leaders, Confederation of Indian Private Universities (CIPU) emerged as an outcome of several rounds of discussions and brainstorming with stakeholders in the Higher Education ecosystem. This took the shape of the first formal dialogue in 2022 when more than 25 American and 30 Indian thought leaders met in Washington D.C. Building on the successful deliberations in Washington, more than 70 leading Private Universities met in Pune in January 2023 to take forward the mission.

CIPU is a **not-for-profit** member driven body that works and advocates for the promotion and interests of the tertiary, higher education, and University levels in various national and international forums.

The vision of CIPU is to make India, the knowledge capital of the world and re-establish the country's credentials as a Vishwa Guru in the 21st century.

The organisation will work closely with the Government and Education Entrepreneurs to ensure that the needs and concerns of higher education institutions are heard and addressed in policy making. CIPU also collaborates with international organisations and associations to promote the internationalization of higher education and to enhance the global reputation of the sector.

The Confederation serves as a unifying force, providing a platform for member institutions to exchange ideas, share best practices, and collectively address challenges facing the higher educational landscape. It also provides a platform for consensus building and networking on key issues.

### Strategic Focus Areas



INTERNATIONALIZATION OF  
INDIAN PRIVATE  
UNIVERSITIES



ETHICAL AND TRANSPARENT  
UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE



PROMOTION OF  
RESEARCH & INNOVATION  
ECOSYSTEM



ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT



INDUSTRY - ACADEMIA  
COLLABORATION



SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT





## 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.



### CIPU REGIONAL COUNCILS



**NORTHERN**  
INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL (NIRC)



**WESTERN**  
INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL (WIRC)



**EASTERN**  
INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL (EIRC)



**SOUTHERN**  
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### 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





## 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

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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# 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.



Shri. 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

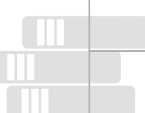
				
				
				
				
				
				
				







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# Vice Chancellors' Meet, 2024

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.



# 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 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.







## WHY CIPU?

### 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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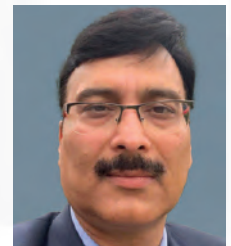
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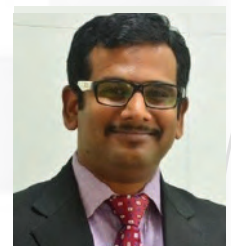
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