

Workshop Title

Envisioning Tomorrow's University: A Transdisciplinary Dialogue on the Future of Education
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1. Overview (Short Intro Block)

The Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur workshop convened senior academic leaders, faculty, industry experts, and scholars to examine the evolving purpose of Indian universities amidst rapid technological and societal change. With representation from major institutions from Jaipur and industry partners, the workshop generated insights on curriculum reform, governance, and global readiness. The deliberations form a key component of MIT-WPU Goa's nationwide visioning initiative for designing India's future transdisciplinary university.

2. Key Highlights

- Strong shift in focus from expansion to excellence, prioritizing quality, ethics, and employability.
- Clear push toward flexible, transdisciplinary learning, dissolving disciplinary silos in line with NEP 2020.
- Call for transparent, distributed governance to replace rigid, bureaucratic systems.
- Emphasis on integrating AI, emerging technologies, and experiential learning across academics.
- Vision for a university model that is globally benchmarked yet rooted in Indian values and societal needs.

3. Objectives of the Workshop

- Reposition higher education for evolving societal expectations
- Advance transdisciplinary curriculum and pedagogy
- Integrate technology & AI for academic transformation
- Strengthen governance and academic ecosystems
- Expand India's global academic footprint

4. Participants & Institutions

Distinguished Guests / Keynote Speakers

- Prof. Dr. D. P. Aggarwal – Former Chairman, UPSC
- Dr. N. Padhy – Director, MNIT Jaipur
- Prof. Manju Singh – Head, Humanities & Social Sciences, MNIT Jaipur
- Dr. Rakesh Premi – Pro Vice Chancellor, Apex University
- Dr. Vaishali Sharma – Vice Chancellor, Jagannath University
- Dr. Shilpi Rijhwani – IIS (Deemed to be University), Jaipur
- Dr. Aparna Tripathi – Manipal University Jaipur

Industry Leaders

- Mr. Ankur Motiani – COO, Adira Lifestyles Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Sandeep Jain – Co-Founder, InTime Tec Pvt. Ltd.

Host Institution Representatives (MNIT Jaipur)

- Prof. Jyoti Joshi – HOD Chemistry, MNIT Jaipur
- Prof. Vibhuti Singh – MNIT Jaipur
- Dr. Nivedita Kaul – MNIT Jaipur

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5. Thematic Insights

Theme 1: Evolving Higher Education Ecosystem & Stakeholder Expectations

- Shift from expansion to excellence with quality, ethics, and societal relevance at the core.
- Stakeholders demand flexibility, inclusivity, and community-connected education.
- Industry stresses continuous curriculum renewal and real problem-solving skills.
- Students seek autonomy and holistic development, not rigid degree structures.

Theme 2: Transdisciplinary Curriculum Development & Pedagogy

- Replace rote learning with critical thinking, experiential, and project-based learning.
- Curriculum must be lighter, deeper, and flexible, enabling multidisciplinary pathways.
- Integrate life skills, values, emotional resilience, and physical wellbeing into pedagogy.
- Students need freedom to design their learning, supported by credit mobility and auditing.

Theme 3: Institutional Governance for Transdisciplinary Education

- Governance must shift to transparent, agile, and empowering systems.
- Distributed leadership is essential; young faculty must be enabled to lead and innovate.
- Faculty assessment should balance teaching and research, supported by adequate resources.
- Governance bodies need experienced academicians and industry experts to stay relevant.

Theme 4: Roadmap for a Global Indian University

- Universities must be globally benchmarked yet rooted in Indian ethos and inclusivity.
- Strong research infrastructure and high-quality faculty are non-negotiable for global standing.
- Global readiness requires international partnerships, mobility pathways, and industry-linked skills.
- Faculty reputation, innovation, and responsive curricula drive global visibility and competitiveness.

6. Key Takeaways

- Quality over quantity must drive the next phase of Indian higher education.
- Flexible, transdisciplinary learning is essential for future-ready graduates.
- Agile, transparent governance is critical to enable innovation.
- Global standards with Indian ethos should define the universities of tomorrow.

7. Photo Gallery





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Dr. Dilip Sharma, Dean Alumni and International MNIT, Felicitating Senior Mentor Prof. Dr. D. P. Aggarwal on behalf of MNIT, Jaipur