

Section 1: Template

Workshop Title

Envisioning Tomorrow's University: A Transdisciplinary Dialogue on the Future of Education
Jorhat, Assam | 4th September 2025 | CSIR-NEIST

1. Overview (Short Intro Block)

The Assam Visioning Workshop at CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat brought together senior academic leaders and young faculty members to deliberate on the future of Indian higher education. The discussions contributed to WPU Goa's national co-creation process by blending global perspectives with strong local relevance, focusing on governance, curriculum transformation, AI integration, and societal responsibility.

2. Key Highlights

- Strong contrast between global strategic perspectives and local socio-economic priorities.
- Emphasis on AI as a teaching assistant and research enabler.
- Mental health and well-being emerged as a central governance concern.
- Need to balance global competitiveness with regional relevance.

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

Participants included senior academics, deans, registrars, faculty members from public institutions, and enthusiastic early-career faculty members. Host institution: CSIR-NEIST Jorhat.

Sibani Phukan	Principal
Deepjyoti Goswami	Senior Journalist
Dr. Surajit Sharma	Vice Principal
Dr. Neerj Kumar Paul	Asst Prof
Dr. Mayuri Devee	Asst Prof
Dr. Minakshi Puzari	Assistant Professor
Dr. Bisheshwar Haorongbam	Senior Faculty
Dr. Prashanta Puzari	Director, IQAC and Head, Department of English
Dr. Susmita Priyadarshini	Associate Professor

Dr. Bedanta Bora	Academic Registrar
Dr. Shantanu Sabhapondit	In Charge, Biochemistry
Dr. Neelarnab Dutta	Senior Faculty
Dr. Riddick Kakoty	Asst Prof
Dr. Priyakshi Mahanta	Asst Prof
Bikas Bordoloi	Civil Engineer
Abhinibesh Sharma	heritage professional/ Entrepreneur
Dr. Praveen Ingole	Scientist
Dr. Sangeeta Das	Asst Professor
Dr. Surya Kumar Chetiya	HoD
Dr. Ashish Sarma Thakur	MBBS, MD
Subhasita Pujari Baruah	Entrepreneur
Dr. Bipul Kumar Talukdar	Asst Prof

5. Thematic Insights

4 Themes – Standard Across Website

Theme 1: Evolving Higher Education Ecosystem & Stakeholder Expectations

- Need for global presence, collaboration, and industry-academia partnerships.
- Importance of adaptability, communication, and leadership skills.
- Local challenges such as employability and socio-economic diversity highlighted.

Theme 2: Transdisciplinary Curriculum Development & Pedagogy

- Shift from lecture-heavy teaching to problem-based and design-oriented learning.
- Integration of ethics, empathy, and Indian Knowledge Systems.
- Micro-projects and community-linked learning emphasized.

Theme 3: Institutional Governance for Transdisciplinary Education

- Governance must address mental health and faculty workload.
- Need for accountable MoUs and shared infrastructure.
- AI-driven tools can support adaptive learning and administration.

Theme 4: Roadmap for a Global Indian University

- Affordable yet globally competitive universities.
- From Vishwaguru to Vishwabandhu — global friend with local roots.
- Faculty happiness and student well-being as foundations for excellence.

6. Key Takeaways

- Global vision must be grounded in local relevance.
- Transdisciplinary education is essential for future readiness.
- Mental health and governance are inseparable.
- AI should augment, not replace, human-centric education.

7. Photo Gallery (Optional) **WILL BE SUBMITTED ON 15TH DEC 2026 AS IMAGES ARE IN SHARED DRIVE COULD NOT BE ACCESSED AT PRESENT.**

3 images with captions.

Section 2: Sample Template Filled – Tirupati Workshop

Envisioning Tomorrow's University — Tirupati Visioning Workshop IIT Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh | 15 September 2025 | National Visioning Conference

Overview

The Tirupati workshop convened **27 delegates** from leading institutions including IIT Tirupati, IISER, Venkateswara Vedic University, VIT, and SPMVV. The workshop explored the evolving purpose of universities and contributed to WPU Goa's multi-city national visioning process to design India's next-generation transdisciplinary university.

Key Highlights

- Strong emphasis on moving from information transfer to knowledge creation.
- Deep discussion on integrating Indian Knowledge Systems into higher education.
- Recognition of student flexibility via Academic Bank of Credits as a system changer.
- Need for resource-sharing models between private and government institutions.
- Call for ethical grounding, scientific temper, and early research exposure.

3. Objectives

- Reposition higher education for evolving societal expectations
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4. Participants & Institutions

Key participants included:

- Director, IIT Tirupati
- Vice Chancellor, Venkateswara Vedic University
- Dean of Academics, IISER
- Senior faculty from VIT, SPMVV, MGM College, NBKR Institute
- Convener: Prof. Rahul Landge

Total delegates: 27

5. Thematic Insights

Theme 1: Evolving Higher Education Ecosystem

- Modern education still struggles with resource access similar to the Socratic era.
- Universities must shift from grades and ranks to holistic evaluation.
- Immediate need to return to deep reading, contextual interpretation, wisdom-building.

Theme 2: Transdisciplinary Curriculum & Pedagogy

- NEP flexibility allows BA students to study Cloud Computing or Cyber Security.
- Academic Bank of Credits enables cross-institution pathways.
- Blended learning and experiential learning must become mainstream.
- Referenced Blue Book model (USA) for flexible assessment.

Theme 3: Institutional Governance

- Institutions must improve student & faculty quality simultaneously.
- Strong emphasis on resource sharing (labs, infrastructure) between institutions.
- Governance must encourage research, collaboration, and ABC utilisation.

Theme 4: Roadmap for a Global Indian University

- Build future-ready classrooms with technical, ethical, and research competencies.
- Redefine formative & summative assessments to global standards.
- Early development of scientific thinking from school years is essential.

Key Takeaways

- Education must evolve into wisdom-oriented, not information-heavy systems.
- Transdisciplinary flexibility is central to future universities.
- Strong governance + collaboration = enhanced national academic quality.
- Ethical grounding and global competence must co-exist.

7. Outcomes / Action Points

- Recommendations for flexible curriculum models shared with visioning group.
- Identified possibilities for joint research and ABC-driven mobility.
- Commitment to develop “future-ready assessment frameworks”.

Section 3: Guidelines for populating the template

- Read the full workshop report.
- Fill sections 1 and 2 using a 150–180-word summary. Focus on, why this workshop mattered, distinct regional insights and diversity of participants.
- Extract from the attendance list, 3–5 major institutions, 5–7 notable participants and Total count.
- Populate the thematic insights, preferably direct insights from the speakers. Ensure summary is not more than 100–120 words per theme.
- Key Takeaways - Synthesize themes into 4–6 universal bullets and while doing so, keep it crisp and benefit-focused.
- Ensure consistency across all workshops through same tone, same structure, same theme blocks and similar word counts.