

## Workshop Title

### Envisioning Tomorrow's University — Tirupati Visioning Workshop

IIT Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh | 15 September 2025 | National Visioning Conference

## Overview

The National Visioning Conference was held at Institution Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh on 15th September 2025. The Tirupati workshop convened **27 delegates** from leading institutions including IIT Tirupati, IISER, Venkateswara Vedic University, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), NBKR Institute of Science and Technology and Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswavidyalayam (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
- 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

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

### Distinguished Contributors:

- Prof Rahul Landge –Convener, MIT World Peace University, Pune
- Dr. Sathyanarayana- Director ,Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati
- Dr. Rani Sadasiva Murthy- Vice Chancellor, Sri Venkateswara Vedic University
- Professor Rajesh Viswanathan- Dean of Academics, IISER Tirupati

- Dr. Peter-HOD Department of English, NBKR Institute of Science and Technology, Tirupati
- Dr. Usharani -Professor and Dean, BOS Chairperson, Engineering at Shree Padmavati Mahila Viswavidyalayam

| Sr No | Name of Participants     | Designation                                                       | Name University/Institute            |
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| 1     | Dr.K N Sathyanarayana    | Director                                                          | IIT,Tirupati                         |
| 2     | Dr Raju Mukherjee        | Associate Dean, Faculty & Associate Professor, Biology.           | IISER,Tirupati                       |
| 3     | Dr.K.T Ramakrishna Reddy | <b>Dean of Science &amp; Vice Principal of College of Science</b> | Sri Venkateswara University          |
| 4     | Dr.Rani Sadasiva Murthy  | Vice Chancellor                                                   | Sri Venkateswara Vedic University    |
| 5     | Dr.O.Mahammad Hussain    | Professor & Registrar                                             | Sri Venkateswara University          |
| 6     | Dr. V. Padmavathi        | Professor & Principal of College of Sciences                      | Sri Venkateswara University          |
| 7     | Dr.M.Humera Khanam       | Professor                                                         | Sri Venkateswara University          |
| 8     | Dr.G.M.Sundaravalli      | Professor , Former Vice Chancellor                                | Sri Venkateswara University          |
| 9     | Dr.K.Sudha Rani          | Principal , College of Arts                                       | Sri Venkateswara University          |
| 10    | Dr.G.Suneetha Bai        | Professor, BOS Chairperson in Education                           | Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam |

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| 11 | Dr.K.Usha Rani           | Professor                          | Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam     |
| 12 | Prof.Sasidhar Gumma      | Professor and Dean                 | IIT,Tirupati                             |
| 13 | Dr. Bibhuti Mary Kachhap | Assistant Professor                | IIT,Tirupati                             |
| 14 | Dr Vishnu C. Rajan       | Assistant Professor                | IIT,Tirupati                             |
| 15 | Dr. Vaneet Kashyap       | Associate Professor                | IIT,Tirupati                             |
| 16 | Dr. A. Raghuramaraju     | Professor                          | IIT,Tirupati                             |
| 17 | Dr.Arvind Kumar Pandey   | Assistant Professor                | IIT,Tirupati                             |
| 18 | Prof.Rajesh Viswanathan  | Dean(Academics), Professor         | IISER,Tirupati                           |
| 19 | Prof.Ramesh Thupili      | Asst.prof                          | MGM College                              |
| 20 | Dr.Anil Premraj J        | Assistant Professor&HOD of English | Vellore Institute of Technology,Vellore  |
| 21 | Dr.Peter Satyaveti       | Professor                          | NBKR Institute of Science and Technology |
| 22 | Ms Madduru Kalyani       | Research Scholar                   | Sri Venkateswara University              |
| 23 | Ms Sumithra Poreddy      | Research Scholar                   | Sri Venkateswara University              |
| 24 | Dr T.G Amuthavalli       | Professor Deapartment of Education | Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam     |
| 25 | Dr. Bangalore Morarji    | Associate Professor Grade 1        | Vellore Institute of Technology,Vellore  |

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| 26 | Prof P. Uma Maheswari Devi, | Professor           | Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam |
| 27 | Bharath Kumar               | Associate Professor | IIT,Tirupati                         |

Convener: Prof.Rahul Landge ,School of Education- MIT WPU

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.

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