**INDCON 2020-21**

**CONCLAVE-4 (Kolkata & Guwahati Region)**

**BUILDING STRONGER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ECOSYSTEM**
**ENABLING SAKSHAM BHARAT ABHIYAAN**
SERIES OF CONCLAVES With PAN-INDIA FOCUS
11h- 13th February 2021

**Dear Sir/Madam,**

IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry’s Knowledge Committee in association with MIT-World Peace University (MIT-WPU) is organising **Conclave-4 “INDCON 2020-2021 – Industry Academia Conclave (Online)”- Series of Virtual Conclaves on “BUILDING STRONGER RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ECOSYSTEM -Enabling Saksham Bharat Abhiyaan”.**

**The fourth conclave of the series will be inaugurated on Thursday, 11th February, 2021 to at 10.00 a.m. focusing on Kolkata & Guwahati region.**

This event will be spread over 4 days – starting from 11th February to 13th February, 2021 during which 9 virtual sessions will be held with active participation from all stakeholders – Industry, Academia and R & D experts.

**Program Details are as follows:**

Date : 11th February, 2021 to 13th January, 2021 (Three days)

Time : 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Platform : Online (Zoom)

**INDCON 2020-21** is a series of Conclaves being organized by the IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with MIT-World Peace University (MIT-WPU) including the inaugural session on Thursday, February 11,2021, a series of conclaves will be organized over the next eight months involving interlocutors from industry, academia, educationists, scholars and other experts representing different regions and cities of India who will deliberate on developing industry-academia collaborative research ecosystem in India. At the end of this pan-India exercise, a White Paper will be prepared based on inputs from various regions and will be submitted to the government for consideration.

**INDCON 2020-21** aims to connect Senior Leaders from Industry and Academia. The enhancement of research and innovation through joint research projects, delivery of innovative commercial products, improvements in teaching, learning and enrichment of students’ knowledge and their employability, as well as providing new streams of funding to tertiary institutions are the key objectives of this program. A robust collaboration between academia and industry will benefit our economy enabling innovation, growth in the education system and producing an employment-ready workforce and thus immensely contribute to achieving target of $5 trillion economy.

This program is an effort to initiate a dialogue to understand how Industry forsees the upcoming shape of key trends.

**Please find more information about the December 16-18, 2020 Conclave below:**

**Topics to be covered:**

**11th February 2021-**

**Inauguration Session –**

*“Creating Next Frontier in Research & Development Ecosystem, Enabling Atmanirbhar Bharat”*

**Session 1:** *Role of educational institutions in research and development initiatives in India*

**Session 2:** *Industry – Academia Knowledge collaboration, role of corporates in India* ]

**12th February 2021 –**

**Session 1:** *Opportunities and Challenges for sustainable R&D initiatives in India*

**Sessions 2:** *Will the NEP-2020 be helpful in promoting Research and Development culture in India?*

**Session 3:** *Challenges in implementing high quality R&D programs in India*

**13th February 2021 –**

**Session 1:** *Challenges and Opportunities in setting up technology / Incubation centers in private universities: Role of Industries and Government*

**Session 2:** *Scope for new technologies in Research and Development in India: Role of Industry and Academia*

**Session 3:** *Best practices in Research and Development: India and other top 10 countries in R&D academic institutions to strengthen R&D within the university.*

**Who should attend:** Academicians, Policy makers, Researchers, Primary, Secondary, Vocational, or Tertiary Educators, Technologists and Scientists, School counsellors, Principals and Teachers, Education policy development representatives, Education advisors, Corporates, Professionals from the private and public sector, Executives of Public/ Private Sector Enterprises, Directors, Family Business Owners, Entrepreneurs, Venture Capital Companies, Angel Investors/ Incubation Centres, Corporate Directors, Senior Management Executives, Technical Career/ employment officers and any person interested in Education, Industry, Technology and Research and Development.

IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry invites you to the landmark Conclave focusing on Industry-Academia Knowledge Partnership – a perspective beyond limitations.

**Free limited access based on prior registration.** On receiving your registration, VC details will be shared.

For further details and help in registration, please contact Ms. Anita Naik at 022-71226660 anita.naik@imcnet.org or visit the website [www.imcnet.org/](http://www.imcnet.org/) www.mitindia.edu.

With regards,

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**Director General**