

Industry-Academia Conclave to be held at elite technical school today

Representatives from many top-notch cos gather at IIT for IAC

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Indian Institute of Technology Indore's Industry-Academia Conclave (IAC)-2017, which aims at fostering ever-increasing relations of the institute with the industry, would be held on Wednesday.

The conclave would be attended by representatives of top-notch companies, the institute's faculty members and students. The theme of this year's conclave is: "Possibilities for Tomorrow".

Representatives of various companies have reached the

city to participate in the conclave while a few others are expected to descend on IIT Indore's Simrol campus on Wednesday morning.

The keynote speaker of the conclave will be former Indian ambassador to Germany Gurjit Singh.

The IAC-2017 is a sui generis platform that intends to encourage an interaction between the academia and industry, which might further lead to work on developing efficient solutions to complex problems which plague both.

"Since its inception in 2012, IAC has evolved into a

forum where experts from both industry and academia discuss and address important concerns and galvanise their efforts towards forging successful partnerships that would prove mutually beneficial," the organisers said.

The conclave will bring together experts from the industry and R&D organisations to discuss some prime issues concerning the relationship between industry and academia based on current societal requirement.

The IAC 2017, as an endeavour, focuses on exploring research and consultancy avenues between IIT Indore

and corporate organisations.

IAC 2017 would present an 'Innovation Pavilion' where innovators from all over India are given a chance to exhibit their products on one of the most prestigious platforms for industry-academia interaction.

IAC 2017, for the first time, would present an "Incubation Centre & Centre for Excellence" where younger ideas are invited and a base is set for the technology of future.

What for academia

The IAC aims to ensure

that the academia keeps updating itself with the changing industrial paradigms and encourage the students to cultivate a more pragmatic outlook regarding the industry and its expectations. Considering the versatile requirements of the Industry, the IAC focuses on helping the academia stay abreast with the latest industrial developments and learn about avenues where there is scope for collaboration.

What for industry

The IAC plays a vital role as a forum for such industry-academia interaction

and also provides an opportunity for the Industry to present areas where they would seek research assistance from the Academia. The industry could also benefit from the knowledge of the on-going R&D projects, and could then actively participate in those that might interest them. The exchange of perspectives between the industry personnel and the academia can provide an impetus for various research and development opportunities; it could later lead to efficient and holistic industrial processes.