

Industry Academic Conclave

IIT-I presents its maiden 'Incubation Centre & Centre for Excellence'

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Indian Institute of Technology Indore presented 'Incubation Centre & Centre for Excellence' during its fifth annual Industry Academic Conclave (IAC) held on Wednesday.

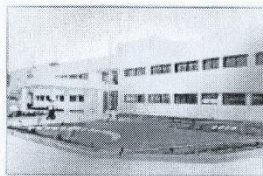
Director of IIT Indore, Prof Pradeep Mathur in his address emphasised on the role of IIT as a catalyst in this simultaneous growth of industry and academia, especially long term growth and inviting application for setting up centre of excellence at IIT Indore.

Since its inception in 2012, Industry-Academia Conclave 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. IAC 2017, as an endeavour, focuses on exploring research avenues between academic institutions and corporate organisations.

The theme of this year's conclave was: 'Possibilities for Tomorrow'. IAC 2017 also presented 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, presented an 'Incubation Centre & Centre for Excellence' where younger ideas were invited and a base was set for the technology of future.

This year's IAC witnessed six new startups, more than 60 research facilities and posters, 13



prototypes, 18 technical talks, a panel discussion, and a reinvented incubator and over a dozen sponsorships. It beckoned a footfall of over 350 people.

This edition of the IAC saw an influx of powerful speakers, who talked about how governmental educational institutes and the industry can interact so that the industry and academia can evolve together. Chief guest, Gurjit Singh, the former Indian ambassador to Germany, talked about his prior experiences

dealing with the overlap of industry and academia in Ethiopia and Japan.

Convener of the industry relations team, Dr Vimal Bhatia initiated the session by talking about importance of IAC and how it has grown over the years.

Global Category head of technology and applications at Keva Fragrance Innovation, Dr Debojit Chakraborty spoke about the interest of private organizations in academic research.

Dr Kumar B Salui from ANSYS, India talked about implications of modern research in the field of computer aided simulations, and its usage in autonomous vehicles and efficient industrial production.

Sandeep Saxena from TCS, Mumbai predicted the exponential growth of digital data in the

near future and its management and utility. He briefly touched on the urgent need to create a more efficient workspace for employees and researchers.

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.