

• *Industry-Academia Conclave*

IIT Indore gears up for its biggest event

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At a time when IT giants such as Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Infosys are planning to set up their centres in the city, the Indian Institute of Technology Indore has announced an 'Industry-Academia Conclave', the institute's biggest event since its inspection.

The conclave, to be held on January 21-22, is expected to be attended by representatives of top-notch companies, especially IT companies such as TCS, Infosys, Wipro, a few to name.

The summit is aimed at bringing together experts from the industry to discuss the most critical issues about the gap in industry and academia today and try to bridge this divide. It would also encourage the exchange of productive ideas and perspectives, thereby, create a strong linkage with the industries.

"The conclave features a confluence of company representatives, academia and students to evolve innovative solutions to vital issues looming in the realm of in-

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- The conclave would provide a platform for companies to present their views on upcoming topic that can transform educational scenario.
- Representative of topnotch companies would be able to confer directly with IIT faculty and other company representatives, thereby facilitating an exchange of perspectives.
- It would strengthen industry-institution bonds and engender symbiotic partnerships.
- Students would be able to gauge the industry requirements and determine the skill that companies seek which in turn would assist companies in fostering perspective employees.
- The conclave would also serve as an ideal platform for an effective and refined schema to emerge and find its place in other academic institution all over India.

dustry and academia alike," the IIT Indore says.

While rapid advances in technology are changing to-

day's workspace and increasing the demand for highly skilled workers, the institutes are failing to produce students having the knowledge to make the best use of the swiftly evolving technology.

"Students churned out of the static academic system are not equipped to meet the current industry requirements and often companies have to incur additional expenses (time and money) to train new hires," the IIT Indore observes.

"As industries look to colleges to fill job openings, institutions are feeling the pressure to update their academic system to be in tune with the industries. Hence, an urgent need to take proactive steps has been felt to enhance the employability of engineering graduate workforce and make them industry ready. The Industry Academia Conclave would cater to the solutions." The Day 1 of the summit is dedicated to Computer Science & Engineering and Electrical Engineering disciplines while the Day 2 is for Mechanical Engineering discipline.