

Continuing education- India's biggest ecosystem challenge?

Speakers from Seer Akademi, UC Berkeley Extension, Stanford Shorenstein APARC and GTU.

Every year, about a million engineers join the tech work force in India. Although the engineering colleges impart engineering education of questionable quality, they rapidly acquire skills in the initial years but as they grow in their careers, they will find themselves limited by poor academic foundations, a lack of growth opportunities and regulatory barriers to lateral growth in other sectors. This is soon to manifest itself as a huge mid-level bulge in the high tech work force. This problem also restricts India's growth in the technology value chain and establishment of interdisciplinary ecosystems, especially in the areas of Information, Computing and Communication Technologies. Most of the CXOs in India already feel the impact in terms of organizational growth, retention and output quality. However, until now, the problem has not been formally addressed. ISA, in association with Seer Akademi, UC Berkeley Extension, Stanford's Shorenstein Asia Pacific Research Center (APARC) and GTU is pleased to present an in-depth treatment of this enormous challenge facing India's tech sector.

In this CXO conclave, you will hear from an extra ordinary array of speakers, including key note speaker Vice Chancellor Frank Yeary, of UC Berkeley. They will discuss the background of engineering education and the demographic challenges of India's high tech economy, some of the innovations already in place to reform education and how they extend to continuing education and the Silicon Valley experience imparting continuing education. One of India's most innovative nodal universities will present their formulation to offer the tech sector a high quality flexible program - this will be a landmark in academic regulation not just in India, but the world over.

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Keynote speaker

Dr. Frank Yeary, Vice Chancellor of UC Berkeley. He will discuss the Silicon Valley experience, how UC Berkeley views its applicability to India and call for further research into educational methodology and organizational development in India.



Dr. Diana Wu, Dean of Continuing and Distance Education at UC Berkeley Extension will speak about trends and future directions for continuing education in the U.S.



Prof. Akshai Aggarwal, Vice-Chancellor of Gujarat Technological University, will respond to the current challenges and unveil plans for one of the world's most flexible and dynamic continuing education programs and Gujarat's plans to bolster India's electronics ecosystem.



Dr. Rafiq Dossani, Stanford's Asia Pacific Research Center, will present research done at Stanford along with the fundamentals of engineering education, especially in India, Washington Accord and upcoming reform in India's higher education.



Prof. Srikanth Jadcherla, Chairman and CEO, Seer Akademi will present results from some of the ground level innovations in regulation and methodology done in Indian Universities and how they extend to continuing education.

GTU and Seer Akademi will place the continuing education framework in the public domain for comment and participation at the end of the meeting.

We cordially invite you to participate in this important issue and provide your feedback. We hope to generate a vibrant community and ecosystem with these industry initiatives.

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