

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

### **SHIKSHA SAMVAD CHHATTISGARH** **17 FEBRUARY 2026, COURTYARD BY MARIOTT, RAIPUR**

#### **Bridging education, Skills and Employment for Viksit Chhattisgarh**

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Timing	Sessions
09:00 - 09:30 Hrs.	Registration
09:30 am - 11:00 am	<p><b>Inaugural Session: Bridging education, Skills and Employment for Viksit Chhattisgarh</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Address</b> - Elets Technomedia <b>Lamp Lighting</b> by dignitaries on the dais <b>Opening Remarks</b>- Dr. S.K.Dewangan, IAS, Commissioner of Higher Education, Government of Chhattisgarh <b>Industry Perspective:</b> Representative from the industry <b>International Perspective</b>- Ambassador/Representative of foreign country <b>Special keynote</b>- Representative from MOE, GOI <b>Keynote1</b>- <b>Dr. S. Bharathidasan, IAS</b>, Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Chhattisgarh <b>Keynote2</b>- <b>Dr Arvind Virmani**</b>, Member, NITI Aayog <b>Guest of Honor Address: Shri Tankaram Verma</b>, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Government of Chhattisgarh <b>Chief Guest Address: Shri Vishnu Deo Sai**</b>, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh</p> <p><b>Vote of thanks</b></p> <p>** Final confirmation awaited</p>
11:00 am - 11:15 Hrs.	Inauguration of Expo and Networking Tea
11:15-11:45 Hrs	Technology Presentation

11:45 - 12:30 Hrs	<p><b>Session 1: NEP 2020: State-level reforms &amp; implementation strategies</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy v/s Practice Gaps &amp; implementation challenges</li> <li>• Autonomy, governance reforms &amp; regulatory simplification</li> <li>• Multidisciplinary education and flexible curricula</li> <li>• Credit framework, ABC &amp; student mobility</li> <li>• Role of states in accelerating NEP outcome</li> </ul>
12:30-13:30 Hrs.	<p><b>Session-2: Governance reforms and policy implementation in higher education</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher education as a driver of knowledge economy</li> <li>• Governance challenges and policy implementation challenges</li> <li>• Exam reforms and reform priorities- Shift from input based to outcome based priorities</li> <li>• Best practices and case studies</li> </ul>
13:30- 14:30 Hrs.	Lunch
14:30-15:15 Hrs.	<p><b>Session 3: Digital innovations transforming higher education</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital campuses, LMS &amp; blended learning models</li> <li>• AI-driven teaching, assessment &amp; student support</li> <li>• Data-led governance and academic administration</li> <li>• Cybersecurity, privacy &amp; ethical use of AI</li> </ul>
15:15- 15:45 Hrs.	Technology Presentation
15:45-16:00 Hrs.	Networking tea

16:00-16:45 Hrs	<p><b>Session 4: Industry-Academia collaboration for employability &amp; skilling</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry-aligned curricula and future-ready skills</li> <li>• Internships, apprenticeships &amp; experiential learning</li> <li>• Role of industry partners and sector skill councils</li> <li>• Outcome-based education and employability metrics</li> </ul>
16:45-17:30 Hrs.	<p><b>Session 5: Building a knowledge economy: Research, Innovation &amp; entrepreneurship</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Landscape- challenges &amp; gaps</li> <li>• Fostering innovation culture through setting up innovation hubs, incubation centres, and start-up cells in HEIs</li> <li>• Funding, resource mobilization and commercialization of research</li> <li>• Industry–Academia collaboration</li> <li>• International collaborations for joint research projects</li> </ul>
17:30-18:15 Hrs.	<p><b>Session 6: Faculty development, academic leadership &amp; capacity building</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty upskilling for multidisciplinary and digital education</li> <li>• Leadership development for VCs, principals &amp; administrators</li> <li>• Research culture, mentoring &amp; performance frameworks</li> <li>• Global collaborations and best practices</li> </ul>
18:15-18:45 Hrs.	<b>Summary and wrap up</b>
18:45-19:00 Hrs.	<b>Vote of thanks</b>

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