

Department of Higher Education
Government of Uttarakhand



Dehradun 8-9 Oct 2025

**Reimagining Higher Education for
Viksit Bharat and Sammriddh Uttarakhand**

PROGRAM AGENDA

DAY-1 | 8 October 2025

Timings	Session Flow
09:30 – 10:30 Hrs.	Registration
10:30 – 11:30 Hrs.	Inaugural Session: Reimagining Higher Education for Viksit Bharat and Sammriddh Uttarakhand Welcome address Dr. Ravi Gupta, Founder, CEO & Editor-in-Chief, Elets Technomedia Context setting Dr. Ranjit Kumar Sinha, IAS, Secretary, Dept. of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand Industry Perspective Guest of Honor Address Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Government of Uttarakhand Chief Guest Address Shri Pushkar Singh Dhambi, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttarakhand Felicitation of Event Partners by Dignitaries Vote of Thanks Shri Manuj Goyal, IAS, Addl. Secretary, Dept. of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand
11:30 – 12:00 Hrs.	Inauguration of Expo and Networking Tea

12:00 – 12:15 Hrs.

University Presentation

The Role of Public Private Partnership in Advancing Higher Education in India

Dr. Ram Karan Singh, Vice Chancellor, ICFAI University Dehradun

12:30 – 14:00 Hrs.

Session 1: Qualitative Higher Education- New roadmap

- NEP 2020 and Skill based learning
- Teaching pedagogy and student aspirations
- Infra and digital gaps
- Faculty quality and training

Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor, Doon University (**Moderator**)

Dr. Santosh Kr. Dewangan, IAS, Commissioner & Project Director (RUSA), Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of Chhattisgarh

Prof. Prafulla Agnihotri, Director, IIM Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh

Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, Vice Chancellor, Usha Martin University, Ranchi, Jharkhand

Prof. Sangeeta Gupta, Principal, Govt PG College, Lohaghat

Mohit Aggarwal, President, DBS Global University Dehradun

14:00 – 14:45 Hrs.

Lunch

14:45 – 16:00 Hrs.

Session 2: Towards Knowledge Economy

- Research and innovation
- Outcome and patents
- Quality publications

Prof. Shri Prakash Singh, Vice Chancellor, HNB Garhwal University, Pauri (**Moderator**)

Dr Jyoti Sharma, Head- Research, Development and Innovation, DST, Govt. of India

Prof. Venkappayya R Desai, Director, IIT Dharwad, Karnataka

Prof Rajiv Prakash, Director, IIT Bhilai

Dr. B. Rajathilagam, Principal, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Haridwar Campus, Uttarakhand

Prof. Vibesh Kumar Singh, Principal, Govt PG College, Bazpur, US Nagar

16:00 – 16:15 Hrs.

University Presentation

Cultivating Excellence: The Core Values Driving Transformative Education

Dr. B. Rajathilagam, Principal, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Haridwar Campus, Uttarakhand

16:15 – 16:45 Hrs.

Networking tea

16:45 – 18:30 Hrs.

Session 3: Entrepreneurship & Employment opportunities: The way forward

- Ecosystem of Entrepreneurship in HEIs
- Skill Gap in Students
- Placement Challenges

Dr. Manoj Kumar, IAS, (Retd), President, Singhania University, Rajasthan (**Moderator**)

Dr. Poonam Sinha, DG, National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Govt of India

Dr Satya Ranjan Acharya, Professor and Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)

P. Narayanaswamy, CEO, Society for Employment Generation and Enterprise Development of Andhra Pradesh

Dr. Manmohan Singh Chauhan, Vice Chancellor, G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pant Nagar, Nainital

Prof. Arvind Tiwari, Principal, Govt PG College, Purola, Uttarkashi

18:30 – 19:30 Hrs.

Session 4: Industry-Academia Linkage: Bridging the Gaps

- Designing of Industry & Market oriented course curriculum
- Internship and apprenticeship
- Establishment of CoEs in HEIs

Dr. H.R. Mahadevaswamy, Vice Chancellor, JSS University, Noida (**Moderator**)

C.Ravishankar, IAS*, Secretary, Skill Development, Govt of Uttarakhand

Dr Om Prakash Bairwa, IAS, Commissioner of College Education, Rajasthan

Subhojit Bose, Executive Director, & Chief-Product & Development Directorate, ONGC

Kartik Sati, Head HR, Hero Motors, Haridwar

Prof. (Dr) Ashish Semwal, Vice Chancellor, Maya Devi University, Dehradun

Prof. Sumita Srivastava, Principal, Radhe Hari Govt PG College, Kashipur

PROGRAM AGENDA

DAY-2 | 9 October 2025

Timings

Session Flow

09:00 – 10:00 Hrs.

Registration

10:00 – 10:45 Hrs.

Opening Keynote: Policy Initiatives and Transformation in Higher Education - From Vision to Action

Shri Rajshekhar Joshi, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, SETU Aayog, Uttarakhand

Rahul Kumar Purwar, IAS, Pr. Secretary- Higher & Technical Education, Govt of Jharkhand

S Narayanan, IFS, Director General & Secretary (Higher Education), Govt. of Haryana

10:45 – 12:15 Hrs.

Session-5: Digital Transformation & Blended learning in Higher Education

- Digitalisation and e-Governance in HEIs
- Online, Hybrid and Distance learning
- Access to e-Resources (e-Library, virtual labs etc.)

Dr. Sanjeev Singh, Professor, Inst. of Informatics and Communication, University of Delhi (**Moderator**)

Prof. Neeraj Dwivedi, Director, IIM Kashipur, Uttarakhand

Dr. Vivek Kumar Singh, Programme Director & Senior Adviser (S&T), NITI Aayog

Prof. Navin Chandra Lohani, Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Open University

Dr. Arun Kumar Singh, Director IQAC and Professor of Law, ICFAI University Dehradun

Dr. Kamal Bijlani, Dean, School of Artificial Intelligence, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Faridabad

12:15 – 12:30 Hrs.

Networking break

12:30 – 14:00 Hrs.

Session- 6: Examination & Assessment Reforms: Need for New Approach

- Digital Reforms in exams
- Market oriented student assessments
- Credit mapping in ABC/ APAAR id (NAD-Digi Locker)

Dr. Ranjit Kumar Sinha, IAS, Secretary, Dept. of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand (**Moderator**)

Prof. Satpal Singh Bisht, Vice Chancellor, Soban Singh Jeena University, Almora

Abhinav Sharma, Zonal Coordinator, DigiLocker-NAD/ABC, Digital India Corporation (DIC)

Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Director, IIT Ropar, Punjab

Prof. Naveen Kumar Navani, Dean, Academic Affairs, IIT Roorkee

Prof. Bishwa Mohan Pandey, Govt. PG College, Berinag, Pithoragarh

14:00 – 14:45 Hrs.

Networking Lunch

14:45 – 16:00 Hrs.

Session 7: Indian knowledge System- Blending past with present

- Integration of IKS in curriculum- Practical & behavioral aspects
- Promoting research in IKS
- Bridging the literature gap for students in IKS
- Collaborating with institutions for knowledge sharing on IKS

Dr. Devendra Bhasin, Vice Chairperson, Higher Education Upgradation Committee, Uttarakhand (**Moderator**)

Prof. Rajneesh Shukla, Sampurnanand Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Former Vice Chancellor Central Hindi University, Vardha

Dr. Kousthubha Upadhyaya, Advisor (Ayurveda), Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India

Prof. N. K. Joshi, Vice Chancellor, Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University, Badshahithaul, Tehri Garhwal

Prof. (Dr) Himanshu Aeran, Vice Chancellor, Ras Bihari Bose Subharti University, Dehradun

16:00 – 16:15 Hrs.

Networking tea break

16:15 – 17:15 Hrs.

Session 8: Internationalization of Higher Education

- Attracting foreign university collaborations- (Foreign University Campus establishment, research collaboration etc.)
- Faculty and student exchange with foreign universities
- Attracting foreign students in State

Prof. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor, Doon University (**Moderator**)

Prof. Ram Sharma, Vice chancellor, UPES Dehradun

Professor Dharam Buddhi, Vice Chancellor, Uttaranchal University Dehradun

17:15 – 17:30 Hrs.

Summary and way forward

Shri Manuj Goyal, IAS, Additional Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand

17:30 – 17:45 Hrs.

Vote of Thanks

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