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Internal Quality Assurance Cell-GTU

Report on Participation in Economic Times Education Summit and Award Ceremony-2024

Date: 6th and 7th June, 2024

Venue: New Delhi

Introduction:

The Economic Times Education Summit 2024 took place on June 6th and 7th in New Delhi. The summit brought together educational leaders, policymakers, industry experts, and innovators to discuss the future of education in India and globally. This year's theme was "Innovating for the Future: Education in the Digital Age," focusing on the transformative power of technology in education. GTU's delegation, led by Vice-Chancellor Dr. Rajul Gajjar, participated actively in the summit, gaining valuable insights and forging important connections. Dr. Kaushal Bhatt (IQA C Coordinator) and Dr. Keyur Darji (Director, DIR) also represented GTU at this prestigious event. GTU has received Gold award in Excellence in Global Collaborations category.





List of Experts and their brief speech:

Day 1 Highlights:

Inaugural Session:



- **Keynote Address:** Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal, Union Minister of Education, inaugurated the summit with a keynote address focusing on the government's initiatives to integrate technology into education, emphasizing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- **Special Address:** Dr. K. Kasturirangan, chief architect of NEP 2020, detailed the policy's vision for a holistic and multidisciplinary education system.

1. Panel Discussions:

- **Panel 1: "The Digital Classroom - Future of Learning":** Discussion led by Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of AICTE, and Shweta Rajpal Kohli, Director of Public Policy at Salesforce, focused on the integration of digital tools in traditional teaching methods.
- **Panel 2: "Bridging the Skill Gap":** Experts from Infosys and IIT Delhi discussed aligning educational curricula with industry needs to prepare students for the future workforce.

2. Workshops and Interactive Sessions:

- **EdTech Solutions Workshop:** EdTech startups showcased innovative products for online learning, personalized education, and virtual classrooms.
- **AI in Education Interactive Session:** Explored how AI can personalize learning experiences, improve administrative efficiency, and enhance educational research.



Day 2 Highlights:



1. Fireside Chats:

- **Industry Leaders:** Executives from Google, Microsoft, and Byju's discussed the future of education technology, addressing challenges and opportunities in scaling digital education platforms.
- **Education and Policy Makers:** Government officials and educationalists discussed NEP 2020 implementation and the role of public-private partnerships in advancing educational goals.

2. Key Presentations:

- **"Global Trends in Education Technology":** UNESCO representative presented global case studies from Finland, Singapore, and the USA, showcasing different approaches to integrating technology in education.
- **"Future Skills and Employability":** McKinsey & Company highlighted the evolving job market and the essential skills future graduates need, such as critical thinking, creativity, and digital literacy.

Speech by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Rajul Gajjar at the Economic Times Education Summit 2024

1. The Changing Landscape of Education:

We are living in an era where technology is rapidly transforming every aspect of our lives, and education is no exception. The traditional models of education are evolving, and we are



witnessing a shift towards more flexible, personalized, and technology-driven learning environments. This transformation is essential to meet the demands of the 21st century and to equip our students with the skills they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

2. Integrating Technology in Education:

At GTU, we have been proactive in integrating technology into our curriculum and teaching methods. We believe that digital tools and platforms can significantly enhance the learning experience, making it more engaging, interactive, and accessible. Our initiatives include the development of virtual labs, online courses, and the use of artificial intelligence to personalize learning paths for students. These efforts have not only improved the quality of education but also increased accessibility for students from diverse backgrounds.

3. Global Collaborations:

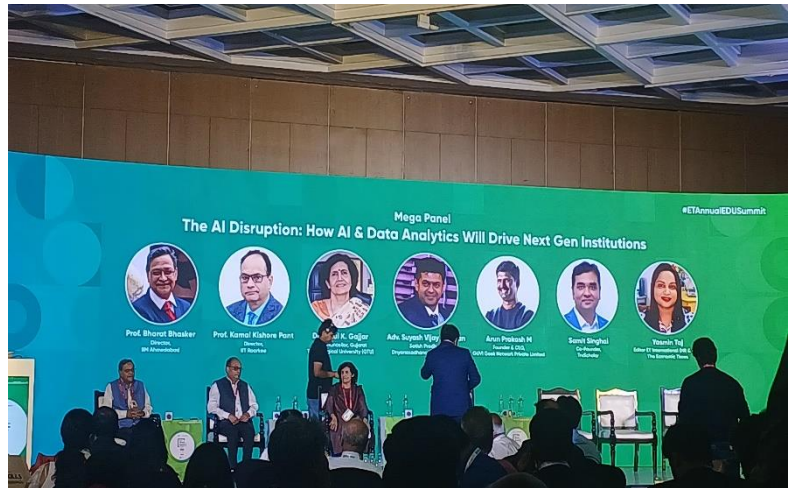
One of the cornerstones of our strategy at GTU has been to foster global collaborations. We understand that in today's interconnected world, it is imperative for educational institutions to collaborate across borders. These collaborations provide our students and faculty with invaluable exposure to global best practices, diverse perspectives, and innovative research. I am proud to share that GTU recently received the Gold Award for Excellence in Global Collaborations, a testament to our commitment to building strong international partnerships.

4. Bridging the Skill Gap:

A significant challenge we face today is the skill gap between what is taught in our educational institutions and the requirements of the industry. At GTU, we have taken concrete steps to bridge this gap. We have established strong ties with industry leaders to ensure our curriculum is aligned with current industry needs. Additionally, we offer numerous hands-on training programs, internships, and workshops to equip our students with practical skills and real-world experience. **The Role of Public-Private Partnerships:**

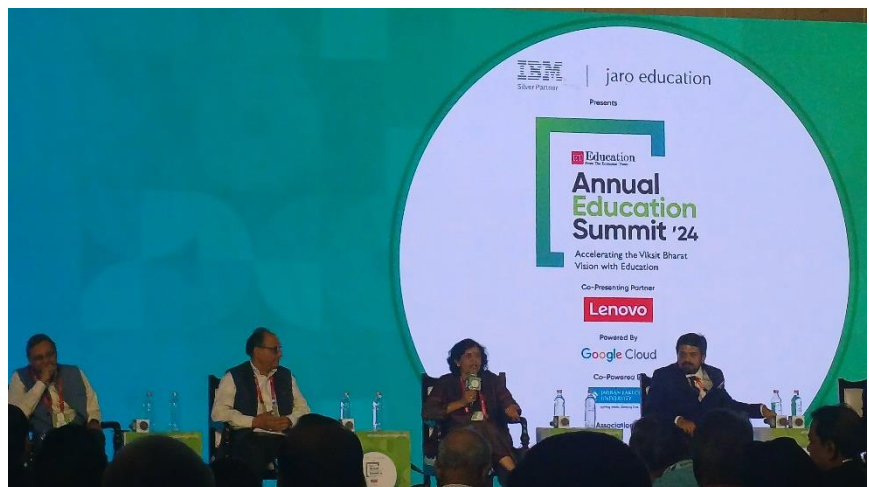


5. Public-private partnerships play a crucial role in advancing educational goals and ensuring the successful implementation of policies like the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. These partnerships can bring in much-needed resources, expertise, and innovation to the education sector. We at GTU have been actively engaging with private sector partners to develop cutting-edge educational solutions and enhance our infrastructure and capabilities.



Conclusion:

As educators and policymakers, it is our responsibility to create an environment that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and lifelong learning. I am confident that through our collective efforts, we can transform the education landscape and equip our students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the digital age.



GTU's Participation:

GTU's delegation, including Dr. Kaushal Bhatt (IQAC Coordinator) actively engaged in various sessions, gaining insights into innovative educational technologies and practices. The discussions and presentations provided valuable perspectives on integrating digital tools into GTU's curriculum and enhancing the university's educational offerings.



Glimpse of the Summit:





