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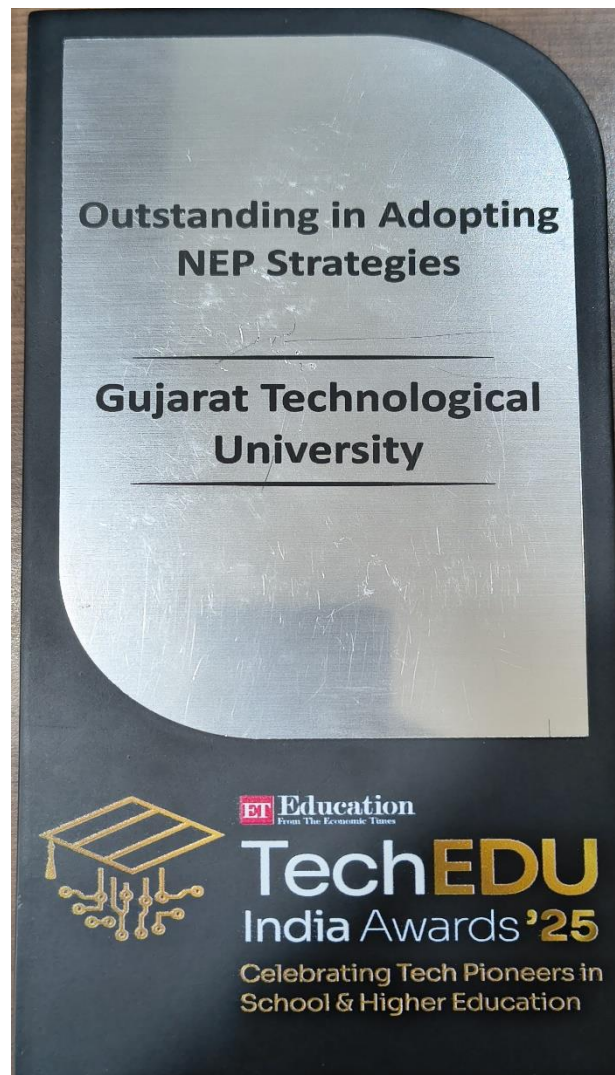## Report on Participation in Economic Times Education Summit and Award Ceremony-2025

Date: 6th March, 2025

Venue: Sahara Star Hotel, Mumbai

Introduction:

The Economic Times presents TechEDU 2025 Award, scheduled on 6th March 2025 in Mumbai. This premier summit was explored how cutting-edge technologies—artificial intelligence, machine learning, augmented reality, virtual reality, and data analytics—can be harnessed to build a smart education ecosystem that is adaptable, inclusive, and future-ready. The summit was offer a platform for educators, technologists, policymakers, and industry leaders to come together and craft actionable strategies that can bridge the gaps in India's education system and propel it into the future.

Dr. Kaushal Bhatt (IQAC Coordinator) represented GTU at this prestigious event. GTU has received silver medal in the category of Outstanding in Adopting NEP Strategies.

The TechEDU India Summit 2025 was organised with a vision to drive transformative change in the Indian education system by fostering a dialogue between key stakeholders—educators, policymakers, and industry leaders. As technology continues to disrupt traditional learning models, the education sector must embrace innovative, scalable, and industry-aligned solutions to equip students with future-ready skills. With AI, data analytics, and digital platforms reshaping the landscape, institutions must reimagine learning methodologies, curriculum design, and student engagement strategies. The summit aims to address these evolving challenges and bridge the gap between academic knowledge and industry requirements, ensuring that graduates are not just academically proficient but also professionally adaptable.

Inaugural Session:

Guest of Honour, Dr. Pankaj Rajesh Bhoyar, Hon'ble Minister of State School Education, Government of Maharashtra, inaugurated the event with a keynote address focusing on Building a Smart Education Ecosystem with Technology

The summit was graced by appearance of following special guests.

- Mr. Praveen Pardeshi, CEO, Maharashtra Institution for Transformation (MITRA), Government of Maharashtra-
- Shri B. Venugopal Reddy, Addl. Chief Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra
- Mr. Ranjit Singh Deol, Principal Secretary, School Education and Sports Department, Government of Maharashtra
- Mr. Ashish Modi, Director, Secondary Education, Government of Rajasthan

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A glance at the highlights!

The summit was delving into critical discussions on leveraging AI and data analytics for personalised learning, aligning NEP 2020 with technology-driven education, and building hybrid learning infrastructure with enhanced experiential learning. Other key themes were include ensuring inclusivity in tech-driven education, cybersecurity and data privacy in smart education ecosystems, and the role of AI in administrative efficiency and decision-making. Thought leaders was exploring the future of assessments beyond standardised testing and strategies for upskilling both educators and students to meet future job market demands.

A distinguished panel of speakers will lead these discussions, including Prof Rajita Kulkarni, President of Sri Sri University; Prof Bharat Bhasker, Director of IIM Ahmedabad; Prof Manoj K Tiwari, Director of IIM Bombay; and Dr Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro-Chancellor of Symbiosis International University, among many others. The school education sector was represented by Shaheen Mistri, CEO of Teach for India; Dr Kavita Aggarwal, Director of DG Khetan International School; Amit Kumar Jain, Director of Oakridge International School; and Kiranjit Singh Pannu, CEO of VIBGYOR Group of Schools, alongside several other influential educationists who were redefining the learning experience.

Recognising the best with TechEDU India Awards 2025!

Beyond panel discussions, the summit was host The Economic Times Education's 2nd TechEDU India Awards 2025, honouring trailblazers in education technology. These prestigious awards were recognise universities, schools, and educational innovators who are leveraging cutting-edge technologies, pioneering digital transformation initiatives, and redefining the future of learning.

With education at the cusp of a tech-driven revolution, TechEDU India Summit 2025 were serve as a melting pot of ideas, strategies, and collaborations, shaping the future of learning, teaching, and skilling in India. This conference was a step towards building a smarter, tech-enabled education ecosystem.

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Glimpse of the Summit

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