

Sarvajanik University



A Report on Vikas 2025 – Western Zone A One Day Conference by UGC

Objectives of the Conference:

A UGC Initiative for the West Zone for venturing into Industry Knowledge, Apprenticeship and Skilling

Date & Day: 6th June 2025 (Friday)

Time: 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Venue:

Sir Cowasji Jehangir Convocation Hall, University of Mumbai, Fort Mumbai

Overall Attendees:

Around 450 participants (Registrar, VC and Professors) from various Universities in the West Zone.

Attendees representing Sarvajanik University:

Dr. Nirali Nanavati, SCET (Convenor, Industry Connect Cell, SU) and
Dr. Yesha Mehta, SRKI (Member, Industry Connect Cell, SU)

Schedule of the Event:



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

UGC One-day Conference

on

“VIKAS 2025 – Western Zone”

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Minute-to-Minute Programme

Time	Activity	Details
9.00 – 10.00 AM	Registration	
Inaugural Session		
10.00 – 10.05 AM	Lighting the Lamp	Dignitaries on the Dais
10.05 – 10.15 AM	Welcome address	Prof. Ravindra Kulkarni, VC University of Mumbai
10.15 – 10.25 AM	Opening Remarks and Conference Objective	Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar Former Chairman, UGC
10.25 – 10.30 AM	Vote of Thanks	University of Mumbai
10.30 – 10.50 AM	Tea	
Academic Discussion Session		
10.50 – 11.40 AM (20 min. for Q&A)	Presentation on NCrf, NSQF & NHEQF	Dr. Nirmaljit Singh Kalsi, IAS Former Chairman, NCVET
11.45 – 12.35 PM (20 min. for Q&A)	Presentation on AEDP Guidelines, Indicative SOP and UGC validated SWAYAM Plus Modules	Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, VC Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida
12.35 – 1.30 PM	Lunch	
1.30 – 2.10 PM (20 min. for Q&A)	Establishing Industry Connect and Co-creating Curriculum	Prof. Milind Atrey Deputy Director ART Dept. of Mechanical Engineering IIT Bombay, Mumbai
2.15 – 2.55 PM (20 min. for Q&A)	How to prepare an Apprenticeship Plan and Operationalise AEDP	Shri Rajeev Dubey Former Group President, Mahindra & Mahindra and Former Chairman Mahindra Insurance Brokers
3.00 – 3.40 PM (20 min. for Q&A)	Faculty as Skill Enablers Empowering Educators for Experiential Learning	Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo, VC SNDT University, Mumbai
3.45 – 4.25 PM (20 min. for Q&A)	Regional Industries, Local Skills: Customising HEI Skill Strategy to Context	Joint presentation by Mr. Bharat Amalkar, Chairman, AEDP Task Force, Maharashtra & CA Anil Rao, Member of AEDP Task Force
4.25 – 4.55 PM	High Tea	
Road Ahead Session		
4:55 – 5:00 PM	Welcome of Hon'ble Minister, Govt. of Maharashtra and other Dignitaries	Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava Vice Chairman, UGC
5.00 – 5.10 PM	Brief on Proceedings and Take aways of the Sessions held	Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar Former Chairman, UGC
5.10 – 5.25 PM	Address by Shri Chandrakant (Dada) Patil, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Higher & Technical Education and Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of Maharashtra	
5.25 – 5.30 PM	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Avichal Kapur, Joint Secretary, UGC
National Anthem & Closing of the Programme		

Summary of the Event :

The Conference included numerous talks as listed below to facilitate the Universities to adopt Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Program (AEDP):

- Overview of NEP and motivation behind the Conference by Prof. Jagadesh Kumar, former chairman, UGC.
- Presentation on NCrF, NSQF & NHEQF by Dr. Nirmaljit Singh Kalsi, IAS Former Chairman, NCVET
- Presentation on AEDP Guidelines, Indicative SOP and UGC validated SWAYAM Plus Modules by Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, VC Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida
- Establishing Industry Connect and Cocreating Curriculum by IIT Bombay Professor Dr. Milind Atrey
- How to prepare an Apprenticeship Plan and Operationalise AEDP by Shri Rajeev Dubey Former Group President, Mahindra & Mahindra and Former Chairman Mahindra Insurance Brokers
- Faculty as Skill Enablers Empowering Educators for Experiential Learning by Prof. Ujwala Chakradeo, VC SNDT University, Mumbai
- Regional Industries, Local Skills: Customising HEI Skill Strategy to Context Joint presentation by Mr. Bharat Amalkar, Chairman, AEDP Task Force, Maharashtra & CA Anil Rao, Member of AEDP Task Force.

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Key Takeaways:

- UGC emphasized on Experiential learning where 50% credit is given for skill development in AEDP programs and regular degree programs can be designed with inclusion of AEDP.
- Defined stakeholders for AEDP programs are university, students and industry professionals who will be associated with the process of designing curriculum framework and complete assessment methodology.
- Guidelines for AEDP implementation are shared where SOP for planning, implementation, post implementation, industry demand-driven upskilling and reskilling with continuous improvement and feedback is explained in detail to all the delegates.
- Role of all Government bodies, Scope and Applicability of AEDP and ways to collaborate with industry by arranging Supplementary Learning Programs, Bootcamps, Practice School and field based learning in industry was also promoted with case studies of IIT, Mumbai and SNDT, Mumbai

- It was discussed that the apprenticeships could be out of India and as per the guidelines, the government could provide partial stipend to the students. It was also mentioned that the degree name would not change and it would be the student's choice whether to do or not do the apprenticeship. Further at University level, AEDP inclusion would need approval of the Academic Council.
- **Primarily need of NAAC Accreditation is essential for implementation/inclusion of AEDP based programs**
- **For engineering programs, AICTE approval is required for implementation.**

Acknowledgment:

We extend our sincere gratitude to our honorable Provost and Registrar Sir for allowing us the opportunity to attend this One day Conference by UGC.

Photos of the event:





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