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Round Table Discourse
on
**THE PRESENT CONTEXT OF HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACTING UNIVERSITIES AND
COLLEGES: PREPARING FOR HIGH QUALITY INITIATIVES**
15-17 March 2018

The Centre for Education Beyond Curriculum, Christ University, Bengaluru, is organizing a Round Table Discourse on **THE PRESENT CONTEXT OF HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACTING UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES: PREPARING FOR HIGH QUALITY INITIATIVES** on 15-17 March 2018. This is a sequel to the three day national conference organized by the Centre on 'The Idea of a University' on 26-28 July 2017 in its campus. The focus of that conference was the development of leaders who are strong in their abilities to reason, to delve deeper in to the discipline of learning and to contribute towards the process of nation building. Taking this as an evolutionary journey towards intellectual independence and towards the advancement of human knowledge to sustain the character of higher education that represents national identity the conference discussed at length *inter alia* the changes in the contemporary demand-supply ratio over leaning on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine) and on 'extreme job oriented teaching'. It was advocated to have a blend of the scientific outlook of the West and the spirituality of the East. The conference made it clear that the idea of a university is not just having a geo-spatial outlook but rather an understanding on the parameters of organization, design and problem solving. The conference also made an attempt to analyze Indian higher education from pre-modern, modern and trans-modern perspectives and highlighted the ideas of Cardinal Henry Newman, S Radhakrishnan and Pelican who have reexamined the idea of a university to suit the requirements of their times.

This Round Table Discourse will take the discussion forward addressing the nature and range of several breathtaking developments in higher education impacting the changing roles of universities and colleges significantly. Creating a Learning Society with the focus on Access, Equity and Quality are the main concerns of the stakeholders now. The Round Table will also discuss the various governance and academic challenges faced by many institutions of higher education. This is possible only when we evolve a system of education which will produce knowledge to effect significant changes in contemporary civilization. Isn't true that education is one of the core components of any civilization?

The outcome of the Round Table Discourse will enable Institutional heads to deal with organizational issues effectively and to develop strategies for an in-depth understanding of higher education in the context of quality and emerging challenges.



REGISTRATION FOR THE ROUND TABLE AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

A participant intending to present a discussion paper in the Round Table should send an abstract of about 100 words. The abstract along with the completed registration form and the DD for registration fee should reach the Director, Centre for Education Beyond Curriculum (CEDBEC), Christ University, Hosur Road, Bengaluru- 560 029 on or before **11 January 2018**.

SUBMISSION OF FULL LENGTH PAPER

The full length discussion paper should not exceed 3000 words and should be typed in a single column with 1.5 line spacing in Times New Roman 12 font. The first page should include the paper title, with author's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail id on the right top corner of the page. Please do not add a cover page for the paper. The paper must be presented by the author or the co-author. The full length paper with the abstract should be forwarded to cedbec@christuniversity.in on or before **10 February 2018**.

Paper presentation is not mandatory for participation in the seminar. You can still register as a delegate.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Last date for submission of abstract : 11 January 2018
Communication on selected discussion papers : 20 January 2018
Last date for submission of full length Discussion paper : 10 February 2018

REGISTRATION:

Residential participants: Rs.5000/- per participant (Includes food and accommodation on all the days of the programme)

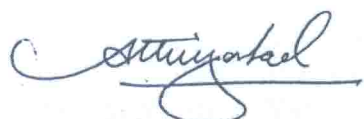
Non-residential participants: Rs.3000/- per participant (Includes, lunch and tea on all days)

Last date for All registrations: 20 February 2018.

VENUE OF THE PROGRAMME: Seminar Hall, IV Floor, CJC Block, Christ University, Bengaluru

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OBJECTIVES

- To focus on the aims of higher education in the context of new challenges
- To enable universities /colleges emerge as learning organizations fostering change
- To respond to emerging needs and challenges of higher education
- To identify the crucial role of universities and colleges in social transformation
- To understand how quality can be operationalized in the changing environment
- Create a platform for academic leaders to develop a positive vision for their academic community
- To respond effectively to current trends and changes in higher education
- Filling civilizational gaps in higher education

THEMES

- Nature of current developments in higher education in India
- Higher education and its relevance to current developments
- Changing higher education landscape impacting academia
- The changing face of technology and higher education
- Role of academics in creating excellence
- Organizational issues and current developments in higher education
- Emerging society and economic context of higher education

CALL FOR DISCUSSION PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND TRACKS OF THE ROUND TABLE

Papers which address the theme under any of the major themes mentioned above are welcome. Prospective authors should submit an abstract that include the title, author(s) name, affiliation, email/ mailing address, telephone/ fax numbers. The papers will be printed directly from the author(s) typescripts (Microsoft word, Times New Roman size 12 font.) Papers must be presented personally by the author and will not be published as proceedings unless presented. The last date for receiving paper for presentations is **10 February 2018**. Papers can be sent by email to - cedbec@christuniversity.in, kennedy.andrew@christuniversity.in in an MS word attachment.

METHODOLOGY

Round Table discourses

DELEGATE PROFILE

Principals of Colleges, Deans, Heads of Departments of Universities, Directors of IQAC and similar centres, Administrators of higher educational institutions and others interested in all areas of higher education.

