

2nd National Teachers' Congress

10th, 11th & 12th January 2018 | MIT-World Peace University Campus, Pune, India

Connecting Spirited Teaching Fraternity through India's Largest Convention of over 8000 Teachers of Higher Education from India & Indian Teachers Living abroad



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Brief Concept Note

➤ Event:

National Teachers' Congress (NTC) is an apolitical platform connecting Spirited Teaching Fraternity through India's Largest Convention of 8000 teachers of Higher Education of India and University teachers of Indian origin living abroad. The 1st edition of National Teachers' Congress was held on 23, 24, 25 September, 2016 and the **2nd edition** of the congress is scheduled on **10, 11 & 12 January, 2018** at Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University (MIT WPU), Kothrud, Pune, India.

➤ Organizers:

The 2nd **National Teachers' Congress (NTC)** will be organized under the aegis of Dr. Vishwanath Karad's MIT World Peace University and MIT School of Government, Pune, with the active support of **Government of Maharashtra**. Several institutions of importance like, **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)**, **Association of Indian Universities (AIU)** and **UNESCO Chair for Democracy, Peace, Human Rights and Tolerance**, Pune, have also rendered their support and association in this thoughtful mission.

➤ Important stakeholders of National Teachers' Congress (NTC):

- 1) **Shri. Devendra Fadnavis** (Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra) - **Chief Patron**
- 2) **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Anil Kakodkar** - **Founding Patron**
- 3) **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar** – **President**
- 4) **Padma bhushan Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar** – **Executive President**
- 5) **Shri. Rahul V. Karad** – **Founder Convener**

➤ Background:

Education is the Manifestation of Human Aspirations and only great teachers help to create great minds. India has a long tradition of knowledge creation and highlighting cultural, humanitarian values. Teachers have always played a crucial role in motivating students to contribute to shaping the ideals of the nation and its development. India also has a long and rich tradition of bonding between teacher and disciple. It is the innate nature of our country to churn out one success story after other of the Guru Shishya Parampara from all walks and streams of life.

Referring to our rich traditional system of the Gurukul where there was a closely knit teaching learning process at the core, NTC not only strengthens the Teacher-Student connect but has also created a progressive community of Teachers. At NTC, not only the rural-urban teachers are connected, but they also bond with their Indian peers across the continents and enrich their own perspectives. They are engaged in meaningful debate, dialogues, intercultural encounters and exchange of ideas on a number of thoughtfully designed issues. This helps the teachers to understand national issues and equip them to play an instrumental role in

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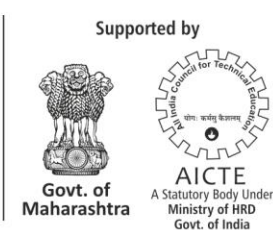
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overcoming challenges through their work. The invited speakers are experts consisting of policy makers, thought leaders and business leaders.

➤ **Vision:**

To build a pool of inspired and committed teaching fraternity who will not just impart knowledge, but also use the power of education for producing and nurturing the citizens who can remain faithful to the values and ideals of a modern India and sensitive to the physical and moral welfare of society and humanity.

➤ **Mission:**

To bring dynamism, creativity and visionary outlook in the teachers by facilitating the exchange and dissemination of ideas and best practices through interaction with peers and thought leaders from all walks of life.

➤ **Objectives:**

- To create a bridge between teachers across the country and Indian teachers living abroad at the undergraduate and post-graduate levels.
- To create a platform for like-minded teachers for bringing creative and positive change in the society.
- To inspire the teachers to create future leaders of the nation.
- To discuss and to create an environment of reaching out, where it moves from teaching to mentoring.
- To promote International and Regional understanding, inter-cultural dialogue and diversity of ideas and practices
- To discuss, deliberate and find solutions on issues of education and allied sectors.
- To inculcate the best suitable value system in the young minds of India.

➤ **Participants:**

Participation of Teachers of Higher Education in all disciplines from different states of India alongwith International Teachers of Indian Origin

- Spirited college teachers below 50 years of age, with established competency in innovative teaching, valuable research, having vision for community welfare, who are socially sensitive and active and above all, are passionate personality committed to creating knowledge driven citizens with efforts beyond their professional scope of work
- Senior PG/Research students aspiring to be teachers
- The 2nd National Teachers' Congress will bring together teachers not only from all States of India but, Teachers of Indian Origin living abroad. The union of these teachers and sharing of their experiences at this unique discourse will enable them to evolve a better and enriching education system for India.

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Participation of Education Ministers from different states of India

All academic sessions of the conclave are Chaired by one of the Hon'ble Education Minister from different states of India.

Participation of Vice Chancellors of different Universities of India

All Academic sessions get opening remarks by one of the Vice Chancellors of Indian universities.

Teacher Speakers:

Two Teacher participants are given opportunity to speak in each session. The Teacher speakers are selected through a process of applications invited from the participating teachers.

Participation and coverage by live webcasting across India and the World:

The program is webcasted live across the nation and world through electronic and print media.

Also, online participation through website is carried out through various Professors/Teachers of International Universities.

➤ **Special Feature: "Teacher to Teacher Connect" Activity:**

Special initiative undertaken to establish a network between teachers from across the nation and to instill a spirit of community ownership. The program enables teachers of common interest to interact with each other, keep in touch through a mobile app and share best teaching methodologies, innovations, research in education, create live projects, the best of which will be awarded.

➤ **Awards conferred at the National Teachers' Congress**

- **Jeevan Gaurav Puraskar (Lifetime Achievement Award):** The award is a special honor conferred at the Inauguration and Valedictory Sessions on Teachers who have contributed lifelong in facilitating the creation of Generations of enlightened and knowledge driven students.
- **Adarsh Shikshak Puraskar (Ideal Teacher Award):** From 2nd National Teachers' Congress one more award will be introduced as "**Adarsh Shikshak Puraskar**" (**Ideal Teacher Award**). This award will be conferred on Teachers who have worked, Out of the box and are committed to creating knowledge driven citizens with efforts beyond their professional scope of work.

➤ **Take Aways from the Congress**

- Opportunity to establish connectivity between National and International faculty of diverse backgrounds
- Start the process of peer learning that will benefit the teachers to understand diverse perspectives and think more creatively about teaching

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- To impact future policy making process and educational reforms of the Government
- Opportunity to enrich perspective and awareness on trends that are influencing and teaching methodology
- Upgrading skills on current trends in teaching and learning
- Opportunity for limited number of participants to visit USA/UK/Australia/China/Finland for short study tour for exposure and comparative analysis of education system across the world at subsidized cost

➤ Information about Parent Organization – Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University (MIT WPU)

Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU) is a Flagship University of MAEER's MIT Group of Institutes, Pune, where we have always thought ahead of time and taken lead in many areas. We have always been caring and conscious to **provide** the young minds not just the necessary means and knowledge to excel in their professional lives, but also to imbibe the values in them that are vital to mold them as **complete human beings**. Over 1,00,000 proud Alumni, including thousands of them doing extraordinary assignments around the globe, truly reflect what we stand for. **'Technology, Research, Social Innovation and Partnerships'** is the theme that outlines our core approach at MIT-WPU. There is a well-defined road-map to create a synergy of academia with technology, technology with research, research with industry, industry with economy, economy with social innovation and social innovation with peace, leading to the well-being of one and all.

Topics of the 2nd National Teachers' Congress including Inauguration and Valedictory Sessions

- **Session 1** - Globalization of Indian Higher Education – Drawing the Roadmap
- **Special Session : 1** - Teacher To Teacher Connect
- **Session 2** - Value-based Universal Education
- **Session 3** - Quality in Higher Education: Truth and Reconciliation
- **Session 4** - Use of Technology in Education – Impact Vs. Impediment
- **Special Session : 2** - Teacher To Teacher Connect
- **Session 5** – Educating the Educators
- **Session 6** – Economics of Education

➤ Eminent Speakers of the 1st edition of National Teachers' Congress: (Names are arranged in Alphabetical Order, designation mentioned as per the date of their participation)

- (1) Ajit Abhyankar - Veteran Communist Thinker & Secretariat Member, State Committee CPI (M)
- (2) Anand Sudarshan - Founder & Director, Sylvant Advisors Private Limited
- (3) Anil Kakodkar - Eminent Scientist (Atomic Energy)
- (4) Anna Hazare - Padma Bhushan award recipient, Renowned Social Activist & Led Lokpal Movement
- (5) Ashutosh Ghosh – Then Vice Chancellor, University of Calcutta, West Bengal

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- (6) Avinash Dharmadhikari (Ex. IAS) - Acclaimed Social Activist & Director, Chanakya Mandal
- (7) Chandu Borde - Padma Bhushan & Arjuna Awardee & Veteran Former Cricketer
- (8) Dada J. P. Vaswani - Spiritual Head of The Sadhu Vaswani Mission
- (9) Devendra Fadnavis - Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra
- (10) Dinesh Kumar - ACM, Lucknow, Indian Railways
- (11) Francois Gautier - Eminent Political Writer and Journalist (Video Message)
- (12) Ganesh Natarajan - President, HBS Club of India, Chairman, NASSCOM Foundation & Global Talent Track (GTT) & Executive Chairman and Founder, 5F World
- (13) Jabbar Patel - Acclaimed Eminent Film Director
- (14) Joske Bunders - Director, Professor Biology & Society, Head of Department Biology & Society Amsterdam University (VU University)
- (15) Maulana Syed Kalbe Rushaid Rizvi - Social Reformer & Renowned Islamic Scholar
- (16) Milind Kamble - Padma Shri award recipient, Founder & Chairman, Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICCI)
- (17) Nandkumar Nikam - President, Maharashtra State Principals' Federation
- (18) Narendra Jadhav - MP, Rajya Sabha, Former Member, Planning Commission of India
- (19) Nilotpal Basu - Senior Member Central Secretariat (CPI - M) & Former MP, Rajya Sabha
- (20) Parimal H. Vyas - Vice-Chancellor, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Gujarat
- (21) Prashant Jagtap - Then Mayor of Pune
- (22) R. Kamalakannan - Hon'ble Minister for Education, Government of Puducherry
- (23) R. Natarajan - Former Director, IIT Madras & Former Chairman, AICTE
- (24) Raghunath A. Mashelkar - Padma Vibhushan Award recipients, Eminent Scientist, National Research Professor, President Global Research Alliance
- (25) Rajiv Khandekar - Executive Editor, ABP Majha News Channel
- (26) Ramji Raghavan - Social Innovator & Entrepreneur, Founder & Chairman, Agastya International Foundation
- (27) S. B. Mujumdar - Padma Bhushan award recipient, Founder and President, Symbiosis Society & Chancellor, Symbiosis International University
- (28) Shashikala Wanjari - Vice Chancellor, Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey (S.N.D.T) Women's University, Mumbai
- (29) Siddhartha Basu - Indian T.V. Producer-Director & Quiz Show Host, Chairman & MD, Big Synergy Media Ltd.
- (30) Suhas P. Sukhatme - Padma Shri award recipient, Former Chairman, Atomic Energy Regulatory Board, Govt. of India & Former Director of IIT Bombay
- (31) Taalyogi Pandit Suresh Talwalkar - Accomplished Tabla artist & Expert Musicologist
- (32) Talat Ahmad - Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi
- (33) V. G. Narayanan - Faculty, Harvard Business School (Through Video Conferencing)
- (34) V.S. Sapkal - Chairman, All India Board of Post-Graduate Education & Research in Engineering & Technology, Head, Chemical Engg Department, S. G. B. Amravati University & Former VC, Nagpur University
- (35) Varun Sahni - Vice Chancellor, Goa University, Goa

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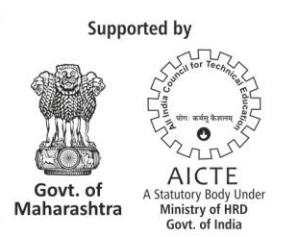
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- (36) Vijay P. Bhatkar - Father of PARAM Super Computer, Educationist, Chancellor, Nalanda University
- (37) Vijayan Immanuel - Pro Vice Chancellor - IMS Unison University
- (38) W. N. Gade - Former Vice Chancellor, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune
- (39) Yasam Lakshmi Narayana Reddy - Director Higher and Technical Education, Puducherry

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