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August 25, 2021

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| 10:30 h - 12:25 h | SESSION-I: INAUGURATION | |
| 10:30 h – 10:33 h | Invocation | |
| 10:33 h – 11:00 h | Welcome address and Genesis of the Conference: Prof. Dr. Kamal Kant Dwivedi , Senior Vice President, RBEF, Amity Education Group & Founder, Global Network of Doctorates | |
| 11:00 h – 11:10 h | Address by Prof. Dr. P.B. Sharma , Vice Chancellor, Amity University Haryana | |
| 11:10 h – 11:15 h | Address by Nobel Laureate (Peace) Dr Kailash Satyarthi | |
| 11:15 h – 11:20 h | Address by Nobel Laureate (Peace) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Yunus | |
| 11:20 h – 11:25 h | Address by Padma Vibhushan Dr. RA Mashelkar, FRS | |
| 11:25 h – 11:45 h | Address by Chief Guest Padma Bhushan Prof. Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar Chancellor, Nalanda University and President, Vijyan Bharti | |
| 11:45 h – 12:00 h | Presidential Address by Dr. Aseem Chauhan , Chancellor, Amity University Haryana | |
| 12:00 h – 12:15 h | Words of Wisdom and blessings by Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan , Hon'ble Founder President, Amity Education Group | |
| 12:15 h – 12:18 h | Adoption of Pledge to be anchored by Dr. Payel Sen , Member of the Advisory Board | |
| 12:18 h – 12:25 h | Vote of thanks to be offered by Dr. Sanjna Vij , Organizing Secretary | |
| 12:25 h – 13:30 h | SESSION-II : PLENARY I | |
| | Chair : Lt. Gen. V.K. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Amity University Madhya Pradesh Co-Chair : Prof. Dr. I.S. Thakur, Amity University, Haryana | |
| | Rapporteurs: Dr. Anurag Jyoti, Amity University Madhya Pradesh; Dr. Sangeeta Kumar and Dr. Vivek Birla, Amity University Haryana | |
| 12:25 h – 12:30 h | Opening remarks and brief introduction of speakers by the Session Chair/ Co- Chair | |
| 12:30 h – 12:35 h | Address by Padma Shri Prof. Dr. JS Rajput, India Chair UNESCO | |
| 12:35 h – 12:55 h | Plenary Talk 1: Prof. Dr. Raj Singh, Vice Chancellor, JAIN (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru | |
| | Title: "Linking Research to innovation and practice through Inter- and Trans-disciplinary Education" | |
| 12:55 h – 13:15 h | Plenary Talk 2 : Prof. Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General AIU, New Delhi | |
| | Title: "National Education Policy (NEP) : Promoting Quality in Research" | |
| 13:15 h – 13:30 h | Discussion | |

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| 13:30 h – 14:30 h | SESSION-III : PLENARY II |
| | Chair : Prof. Dr. R.K. Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Amity University Chhattisgarh |
| | Co-Chair : Prof. Dr. U.N. Singh, Prof & Dean, Faculty of Arts, Amity University Haryana |
| | Rapporteurs: Dr. G. Raghavendra Prasad, Amity University Chhattisgarh; Dr. Arya Nair and Dr. Pranshul Pathak, Amity University Haryana |
| 13:30 h – 13:35 h | Opening remarks and brief introduction of speakers by the Session Chair/ Co- Chair |
| 13:35 h – 13:55 h | Plenary Talk 3: Prof. Dr. Sayalee Gankar, Vice Chancellor, DY Patil University, Pune |
| | Title : "Industry Academia Partnership for research in India" |
| 13:55 h – 14:15 h | Plenary Talk 4: Prof. Dr. W. Selvamurthy, President, ASTIF, Amity University, Noida |
| | Title : "India Emerging as Superpower – Role of Doctoral Scholars" |
| 14:15 h – 14:30 h | Discussion |
| 14:30 h – 15:30 h | SESSION-IV: PLENARY III Chair: Prof. Dr. Rakesh Bhatnagar, Vice Chancellor, Amity University Rajasthan Co-Chair: Prof. Dr. Manoj Kumar Patairiya, Advisor, DST, Govt of India, New Delhi. Rapporteurs: Mr. Karan Joura, RBEF; Dr. Sunil Sikka and Dr. Sangeeta Kumari, Amity University Haryana |
| 14:30 h – 14:35 h | Opening remarks and brief introduction of speakers by the Session Chair/ Co- Chair |
| 14:35 h – 14:55 h | Plenary Talk 5: Prof. Dr. V.K. Malhotra, Member Secretary, ICSSR, New Delhi. |
| | Title : "Doctoral Research in Social Sciences: Quality and Future Perspective" |
| 14:55 h – 15:15 h | Plenary Talk 6: Prof. Dr. Balvinder Shukla, Vice Chancellor, Amity University, Noida |
| | Title: "Strategies for Enhancing Quality of Doctoral Research" |
| 15:15 h – 15:30 h | Discussion |
| 15:30 h – 16:30 h | SESSION-V: COUNTRY PERSPECTIVES-I Chair : Prof. Dr. Gurinder Singh, Group Vice Chancellor, Amity University, Noida Co-Chair : Prof. Dr. Amita Dev, Vice Chancellor, IGDTUW, New Delhi. Rapporteurs: Mr. Gaurav Bhatnagar, RBEF; Prof. Komal Verma and Dr. Hemant Kumar Jha, Amity University Haryana (Every invited speaker will present their country perspective in about 10 min. on quality aspects and thrust areas of Doctoral program in their respective countries) |
| 15:30 h – 15:35 h | Opening remarks and brief introduction of speakers by the Session Chair/ Co- Chair |
| 15:35 h – 15:45 h | Russia : Prof. Dr. Regina Chermokina, Udmurt University Izhevsk (Russia) |
| 15:45 h – 15:55 h | Oman : Dr. Yathrib Ajaj, German University of Technology, Sultanate of Oman |
| 15:55 h – 16:05 h | Malaysia: Dr. Sandeep Poddar, Dy. Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation) Lincoln University College, Malaysia |
| 16:05 h – 16:15 h | Singapore: Dr. Easwaramoorthy Rangaswamy, Principal & Provost, Amity Global Institute, Singapore |
| 16:15 h – 16:25 h | Taiwan : Prof. An-Cheng Aidan Sun, Professor, Yuan Ze University, Taiwan |
| 16:25 h – 16:30 h | Discussion & concluding remarks by the Session Chair |

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| 16:30 h – 17:30 h | SESSION VI: PANEL DISCUSSION Chair : Prof. Dr. Amit Jain, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Amity University Rajasthan Co-Chair : Prof. Dr. S.K. Garg, Former Vice Chancellor, Delhi Technical University, New Delhi Rapporteurs: Dr. Deepali Bhatnagar, Amity University Rajasthan; Dr. M. Singh and Dr. Pooja Rana, Amity University Haryana |
| | Theme: "Supervisor – Scholar Relations" |
| | Panelists (each panelist will get 10 min. for opening remarks followed by 15 min discussion) |
| 16:30 h - 16:35 h | Opening remarks and brief introduction of speakers by the Session Chair/ Co- Chair |
| 16:35 h - 16:45 h | 1. Prof. Dr. C.S. Sharma, Professor, SRCC, Delhi University, Delhi |
| 16:45 h - 16:55 h | 2. Prof. Dr. Manoj Dixit, Former Vice Chancellor, Avadh University, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh |
| 16:55 h - 17:05 h | 3. Dr. Payel Sen, Asstt. Professor, JAIN (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru |
| 17:05 h - 17:15 h | 4. Prof. Dr. Surinder Jaswal, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, TISS, Mumbai |
| 17:15 h - 17:30 h | Discussion & concluding remarks by the Session Chair |
| 17:30 h – 18:30 h | SESSION VII: CRITICAL SKILLS FOR RESEARCHERS Chair : Prof. Dr. Kamal Kant Dwivedi, Senior VP, RBEF, Amity Education Group Co-Chair : Prof. Dr. Nupur Prakash, Vice Chancellor, The North Cap University, Gurugram Rapporteurs: Dr. Seema Paul, RBEF; Dr. Anupama Srivastava and Dr. Pranshul Pathak, Amity University Haryana |
| 17:30 h - 17:35 h | Opening remarks and brief introduction of speakers by the Session Chair/ Co- Chair EXPERTS: |
| 17:35 h - 17:50 h | Prof. Dr. Ajay Rana, Dean and Director (AIIT), Amity University, Noida Title: "Employability and Career Paths for Researchers" |
| 17:50 h - 18:05 h | 2. Prof. Sumit Narula , Deputy Dean Research (P&C), Amity University Madhya Pradesh Title: "How to identify Predatory/Cloned Journals for Quality Publications" |
| 18:05 h - 18:20 h | 3. Mr. Dhiraj Upadhyaya , Director (EDA), RBEF, Amity Education Group Title: "Mendeley – A powerful Reference Management Software" |
| 18:20 h - 18:30 h | Discussion & concluding remarks by the Session Chair |
| 18:30 h – 19:30 h | SESSION-VIII: COUNTRY PERSPECTIVES-II |
| | Chair: Prof. Dr. P.B. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Amity University Haryana Co-Chair: Dr. Gunjan M. Sanjeev, VP, RBEF and Director, Intl. Affairs, Amity University Haryana Rapporteurs: Dr. Arya Nair and Mr. Shubhansh Tiwari, Amity University, Haryana (Every invited speaker will present their country perspective in about 10 min. on quality aspects and thrust areas of Doctoral program in their respective countries) |
| 18:30 h - 18:35 h | Opening remarks and brief introduction of speakers by the Session Chair/ Co- Chair |
| 18:35 h - 18:45 h | Zimbabwe: Prof. Dr. Quinton C. Kanhukamwe, Vice Chancellor, HIT, Zimbabwe |
| 18:45 h - 18:55 h | Germany: Prof Kamal Bhattacharya, Prorector Research & Transfer, IUBH International University of Applied Sciences, Germany |
| 18:55 h - 19:05 h | USA : Prof. Raj K. Tiwari, Professor, NY Medical School, New York, USA |
| 19:05 h - 19:15 h | USA : Dr. Rajyalakshmi Manda, Former Principal Research Scientist, DCIDSTB, Nashville, USA |
| 19:15 h - 19:25 h | UK : Prof. Barbara Howell, Associate Dean Global Engagement, Coventry University, UK |
| 19:25 h - 19:30 h | Discussion & Concluding Remarks by the Session Chair |

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| 19:30 h – 20:00 h | SESSION-IX : VALEDICTORY AND RECOMMENDATIONS |
| | Chaired by: Prof. Dr. P.B. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Amity University Haryana Prof. Dr. Kamal Kant Dwivedi, Senior Vice-President, RBEF, Amity Education Group Co-Chair : Dr. P. Prasannaraj, Advisor, Medical School, Amity University Haryana |
| | Presentation of Summary and Recommendations of the Conference |
| | Release of "Amity Declaration on Quality in Doctoral Research" |
| | Supported by: Dr. Sali PS, Mr. Karan Joura, Dr. Seema Paul, Ms. Neha Amber, Ms. Nisha Ilyas and Mr. Bhagat Ram, Academic Division, Central Office of the Chancellor, RBEF, Amity University |
| | In association with all Plenary Speakers, Chairs, Co-Chairs and Rapporteurs. |
| 20:00 h – 20:05 h | IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GRATIFICATION |