

GIC Associates actively participated and volunteered in India International Science Festival, IISF Chennai

Date: 13th-16th October, 2017

Venue: Anna University, Chennai

About IISF 2017

The 1st IISF was held at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) New Delhi in December, 2015. The mega S&T expo attracted more than 3 Lakh people. VIBHA has become the Guinness Book World Record Holder for the successful conduct of the 'Largest Practical Science Lesson' by 2000 students from prestigious schools of Delhi. Indeed, the event was a great success with the participation of more than 3000 young scientists across the country. The 2nd IISF was held at CSIR-National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi in December, 2016 with a view to improve their scientific understanding, temperament and appreciation for various feats in science & technology by showcasing Indian achievements. The 3rd series of IISF was held on 13-16 October 2017, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

VISION:

- The series of India International Science Festival (IISF) is an integral part of India's long-term vision in developing and widening the spectrum of scientific temper in India and abroad.
- It aims to build a strategy for rural India through the advancement of Science and Technology.
- It also aims to provide a platform to young students, scientists and technocrats from across India for the exchange of knowledge & ideas and also supporting flagship programs like 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', 'Swasth Bharat Abhiyan', 'Make in India', 'Digital India', 'Smart Villages', 'Smart Cities', 'Namami Gange', 'Unnath Bharath Abhiyan', etc initiated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi.
- The science festival also intends to make innovation beneficial for the people and develop technology that is affordable to the masses.

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ABOUT THE EVENT:

The Ministry of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Govt. of India and Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA), jointly organized the 3rd 'India International Science Festival (IISF)' with the theme 'Science for New India' from 13th- 16th October 2017, at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

IISF Organizers –

- Vijnana Bharati
- National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai
- Ministry of Science & Technology
- Ministry of Earth Sciences

Supporters –

- Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- Ministry of Environment, forests and climate change
- Ministry of rural development
- Press information bureau
- ICAR
- ISRO
- NIOT
- AICTE
- DRDO
- STPI
- DAE
- ICAR

RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

1. Increased Parent-Institute interactions/meetings to motivate parents to encourage their wards to take up entrepreneurial startups.
2. The idea of Students getting degree with Major in their respective chosen field and minor in subjects related to entrepreneurship.
3. Teaching must not only involve theoretical learning, but it should also include practical learning with people from industries. So, for example a subject having 5 credits, 3 credits should be taught by professors and 2 credits by interacting with people from industries with respect to the related subject.

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4. There should be increase in building of alumni network, which have 15-20 years of hand-on experience which can help students, get motivated and make them stay tuned with vast opportunities that can come along the way, if they choose to be an entrepreneur.
5. The students need to know the significance of what they are learning, and in a certain way the environment of learning needs to be changed, that leads to the consequence of changing role of teachers to mentors.
6. The education system needs to be changed, become more adaptable, which can help students to not only meet their expected requirements, but also help them to face unexpected problems/challenges in a more efficient manner.
7. Lastly, the authorities can work to make horizon of students a bit more widened and not just, let it be limited to course or admission focused in 11th or 12th standards and colleges. I think, it can be worked out from a more grass root level, maybe from 6th standard. Henceforth, they can have an overview of what entrepreneurship is all about by the moment they reach 12th grade.

PARTICIPANTS FROM GTU

The India International Science Festival(IISF) 2017 was attended by 2 GIC Associates and 4 GTU students namely: Vishnu Dutt Ranjan, Uday Taware, Darshan Budhbhatti, Chirag Dhaduk, Nikhil Ranjan, Sneh Dudhela and Raj M Parmar, Saurabh Yadav who also volunteered to help, answer queries of the people who visited the National Startup summit 2017.



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FEEDBACK:

I really enjoyed it, especially the last discussion where Hiranmay sir says to give students and professor both the industrial training and getting a semester vacation. And, I also think, I should start my own startup and I am also thinking and getting my ideation quickly work.

- Vishnu Dutt Ranjan

It was a unique experience, not just for me but also for the fellow people who had attended the event. The way in which the problems and innovations were discussed motivated a lot of other people to think about it in a totally different way. Being a part of this, I was overwhelmed by the knowledge that was imparted in me. To be able to know the startup industry in a better way and meeting delegates personally was a mandatory thing which had to be done someday and this innovation summit gave us a chance to do that!

- Uday Taware

The summit was amazingly awesome, having interacted with some of the intellectual minds namely: Dr. Harshvardhan, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Mr. Saba Nayakam, Mr. Vijay Patel, Mr. Sreeprasad Kuttan, Dr. Somdev, I realized there's so much more to it and like... I stand nowhere. There's so much work to be done. Overall, it was a great experience in terms of ideas and knowledge received.

-Darshan Budhbhatti

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