

## Shri Dharmendra Pradhan to launch MoE - AICTE Investor Network Event

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan will launch the **Ministry of Education - AICTE Investor Network** on 31 January 2024.

Secretary, Higher Education, Shri Sanjay K. Murthy will also be present at the inauguration as the Guest of Honour at Hotel The Lalit, New Delhi at 6 pm onwards. Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, Prof T.G. Sitharam, Vice Chairman Dr. Abhay Jere, Member Secretary Prof. Rajive Kumar and other dignitaries will also be present at the event.

The MoE - AICTE Investor Network is a ground-breaking initiative jointly established by AICTE and the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) with a vision to foster innovation and entrepreneurship in the education sector. The network aims to provide crucial financial support, mentoring, and strategic guidance to early-stage student or faculty-led startups. Beyond government funding, the Ministry of Education seeks to encourage private investment in student and faculty-led startups through this unique network. Also, through this network, investors will have an exclusive opportunity to connect and collaborate with their peers.

AICTE Chairman Prof. T.G. Sitharam highlights "MoE - AICTE Investor Network' is meticulously designed to connect investors with innovative minds in our Higher Education Institutions to establish meaningful connections and collaboration in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship, leading the path towards Viksit Bharat @2047."

"This collaboration of Innovators and Investors will further fuel innovation and entrepreneurship, nurture talent, and catalyze socio-economic development. It is about investing not just in institutions, but in ideas; not just in the present, but in the promise of tomorrow", said AICTE Vice Chairman Dr. Abhay Jere.

Exclusively 50 Investors and Industry leaders from diverse sectors are invited to attend the launch of MoE - AICTE Investor Network, followed by an interactive session with the Hon'ble Minister to exchange visionary ideas and gain valuable insights into the future of education, technology, and innovation.

This Investor Network further aims to bridge the gap between investors and transformative educational initiatives, fostering collaboration for the advancement of education and technology. This initiative marks a significant step towards realizing the Ministry's vision of creating a vibrant ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship.