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Late Prof. (Dr.) A. D. Shinde Memorial Lecture

Theme: “The Synergy of Roots and Wings in Shaping the Future of Indian Higher Education”

Date: 16 February 2026

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Venue: Anand Bhavan Auditorium, CSIBER, Kolhapur

Speaker: Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, Executive Council, NAAC; Chairman, NBA and NETF; Former Chairman, AICTE

Introduction : As a part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Chhatrapati Shahu Institute of Business Education and Research (CSIBER), Kolhapur, the institution organized the Late Prof. (Dr.) A. D. Shinde Memorial Lecture on 16 February 2026. The lecture commemorated the visionary leadership and invaluable contributions of Late Prof. (Dr.) A. D. Shinde towards higher education and institutional development. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, a distinguished academic leader and policy maker, on the theme “The Synergy of Roots and Wings in Shaping the Future of Indian Higher Education.”

Objectives of the Lecture

- To inspire educators, researchers, and students to create a future-ready education ecosystem that balances tradition with innovation.
- To understand the role of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in preserving India's rich educational and cultural heritage.

Proceedings of the Lecture

The programme commenced with the formal welcome of the dignitaries and participants. Faculty members, students, administrators, alumni, and invited guests attended the event in large numbers.

In his keynote address, Prof. Sahasrabudhe highlighted the importance of maintaining a balance between the “Roots” and “Wings” of education. He described Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) as the roots that provide a strong cultural, ethical, and intellectual foundation for learners. Drawing examples from ancient Indian traditions, indigenous sciences, sustainable practices, and holistic approaches to learning, he emphasized the need to integrate these perspectives into contemporary curricula.

Further elaborating on the concept of “Wings,” he discussed the transformative role of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the National Educational Technology Forum (NETF), and quality

assurance mechanisms such as NAAC and NBA accreditation. He explained how these initiatives encourage multidisciplinary learning, academic flexibility, innovation, technology integration, skill development, research orientation, and global competitiveness.

The speaker emphasized that the future of Indian higher education lies not in choosing between tradition and modernity, but in harmoniously blending both. Institutions must nurture students who are rooted in Indian values while being equipped with technological competence, critical thinking abilities, and global perspectives. Prof. Sahasrabudhe also shared insights into outcome-based education, institutional excellence, digital transformation, and the importance of continuous quality improvement. He encouraged higher education institutions to adopt innovative pedagogies, strengthen industry-academia collaboration, promote research and entrepreneurship, and effectively leverage accreditation frameworks as tools for academic enhancement rather than mere compliance.

The session concluded with an engaging interaction where participants discussed the implementation of NEP 2020, integration of IKS into curricula, technology-enabled learning, and strategies for achieving excellence through accreditation.






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Key Takeaways

- Indian Knowledge Systems provide a strong foundation for value-based and holistic education.
- NEP 2020 promotes multidisciplinary, flexible, and learner-centric education.
- NETF can play a crucial role in fostering technology-enabled teaching and learning.
- NAAC and NBA accreditation frameworks support continuous quality enhancement and institutional excellence.
- Higher education institutions should focus on innovation, research, entrepreneurship, and global engagement while preserving Indian cultural and intellectual traditions.
- The integration of “Roots” and “Wings” is essential for creating future-ready graduates and globally competitive institutions.

Outcomes

- Enhanced understanding of the role of IKS in contemporary higher education.
- Increased awareness of NEP 2020, NETF, NAAC, and NBA reforms among faculty and students.
- Motivation for institutions to integrate traditional knowledge with modern educational practices.
- Encouragement for adopting technology-driven, quality-focused, and outcome-based educational approaches.
- Strengthened commitment towards building an inclusive, innovative, and globally relevant higher education ecosystem.

Conclusion

The Late Prof. (Dr.) A. D. Shinde Memorial Lecture provided a thought-provoking platform for reflecting on the future of Indian higher education. The insightful address by Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe underscored the need to build an educational system that remains deeply connected to its cultural roots while embracing innovation, technology, quality assurance, and global standards. The lecture served as a fitting tribute to the legacy of Late Prof. (Dr.) A. D. Shinde and inspired the academic community to contribute meaningfully towards the vision of a developed and knowledge-driven India.



