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MAR 25, 2026  
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- 10.15 Chairperson Opening Remarks : **Dr Annurag Batra**, Chairman & Editor in Chief . BW Businessworld & Founder exchange4media
- 10.30 Keynote session 1 : **Digital-First Universities: Harnessing Technology to Redefine Education in India**  
**Sonal Goel, Secretary, Government of Tripura**
- 11.00 Discussion Hub 1: **Smart Education for Smart Careers: Bridging Skill Gaps to build New-Age Talents Panel Moderator**  
**Moderator: Mohit Aggarwal**, founder and president of DBS Global University,  
**Dr. Radha Thevanoor**, Vice Chairman, SCMS Group of Educational Institutions  
**Joutishman Dutta**, Vice President and Managing Trustee, Assam down town University, Guwahati, Assam  
**Dr. Amit Saxena**, Chief Executive Officer -Education, Sparsh Group  
**Dr. Jones Mathew**, Head of the Institute | Great Lakes Institute of Management Gurgaon  
**Rajiv Tandon**, Chief Executive Officer- BITS PILANI DIGITAL, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani  
**Dr Neha Sharma**, Director, Shanti Business School
- 12.00 Discussion Hub 2: **Tech-Driven Transformation: Shaping India into a Global Education Hub**  
**Moderator: Dr. Aman Mittal**, Vice President, Lovely Professional University  
**Prof. Onkar Singh: Professor**, Ex Vice Chancellor, VMSB Uttarakhand Technical University Dehradun & Founder Vice Chancellor of MMM University of Technology Gorakhpur, Harcourt Butler Technical University, Kanpur  
**Tarun Anand**, Chancellor & Founder ,Universal AI University  
**Prof Maneek Kumar**, Dean Engineering & Technology , BML Munjal University  
**Prof.(Dr.) Manpreet Singh Manna**, Founding ED GCC School, Ex-Vice Chancellor Chandigarh University, GCC School Gurugram  
**Dr. Asit K Barma**, Director and Professor, Bharathidasan Institute of Management (BIM), Tiruchirapalli, India  
**Prof. (Dr.) Nupur Prakash**, Vice Chancellor, The NorthCap University, Gurugram
- 13.00 **Networking Lunch**
- 13.45 Discussion Hub 3: **Smart Infrastructure: Inclusive Tech & Cybersecure Campuses**  
**Moderator: Dr. Prasoon M Tripathi**, Director, Institute of Management Studies (IMS), Ghaziabad  
**Syed Adnan Akhtar**, Additional Pro Chancellor, Integral University.  
**Manmeet Singh**, Vice President – Sales, Featherlite Furniture  
**Prof. (Dr) Pankaj Kumar Mishra**, Pro Vice Chancellor, IIMT UNIVERSITY  
**Prof. (Dr.) Tankeshwar Kumar**, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Haryana  
**Saurabh Sharma**, Founder, My Career Sarthi  
**Prof. Satyabhusan Dash**, Chairperson-Centre for Marketing in Emerging Economies (CMEE) & Professor in Marketing Area, Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow  
**Prof.(Dr.) Arti Bansal**, Professor & Program Head, Chandigarh University Online. Global Advisory Council Member, International Accrediting Commission for Digital Education (IACDE), USA
- 14.45 Keynote Session 2: **Decoding India's Educational Renaissance**  
**Dr. Partha Sarathi Mishra**, IAS, Director & Additional Secretary to Govt., The Public Enterprises Department, Govt. of Odisha, India
- 15.00 Keynote Session 3: **Smart Universities: Where Intelligent Technology Amplifies Human Potential?**  
**Prof (Dr) Rupamanjari Ghosh**, Former Vice-Chancellor, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR, and Former Professor of Physics & Dean, School of Physical Sciences, JNU, New Delhi
- 15.15 Partner Presentation : **From classrooms to the cloud - how WiFi is transforming education**  
**Manik Bahri**, Head, Digital Business, iBus Network and Infrastructure Private Limited
- 15.30 Discussion Hub 4 : **Viksit Bharat 2047: Transforming Higher Education into a Global Powerhouse**  
**Moderator: Prof. (Dr) Padmakali Banerjee FRSA**, Director General - KIIT , Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology - KIIT Deemed to be University , Bhubaneswar  
**Samir Somaiya**, Chancellor & President, Somaiya Vidyavihar University  
**Prof. (Dr.) Hemant Verma**, Vice-Chancellor, SGT University  
**Dr. Ravi Thangjam**, Pro Vice Chancellor (Strategy & Partnerships) Aditya University  
**Shri Kuldip Sarma**, Co-Founder & Pro-Chancellor, Medhavi Skills University  
**Prof. (Dr.) Jayanthi Ranjan**, Vice Chancellor, Sharda University Agra  
**Prof. Manoj Choudhary**, Vice Chancellor, Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya  
**Prof. Raghuvir Singh**, Vice-Chancellor, KR Mangalam University  
**Prof ML Singla**, Advisor, Shobhit University, Former Dean, FMS, Delhi University
- 16.30 Closing Keynote: **Smart Universities in India: Blending Academic Excellence with Real-World Impact**  
**Satyam Roychowdhury**, Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University
- 16.45 **Opening Remarks BW India Smart University Awards : Dr Annurag Batra**, Chairman & Editor in Chief, BW Businessworld & Founder exchange4media
- 17.00 **Jury Opening Address : Dilip Chenoy**, Bharat Web3 Association; Former Secretary General, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
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- 17.30 **BW India Smart University Awards 2026**

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