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National Workshop on Strategic Leadership and Innovation for University Registrars

Jointly organized by

**Gujarat Technological University and
Association of Indian Universities**

26th and 27th June, 2025

ACCREDITED WITH



5 - Star Rating in GSIRF
(Gujarat State Institutional Rating Framework) - 2024



In Top 50 universities under the 'Innovation' category
and Top 100 under 'State Public University' category for 2024



About AIU

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU), an apex inter-university organization, was originally established in 1925 as the Inter-University Board. It acquired legal status upon its registration as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, on September 29, 1967, and was renamed as AIU in 1973. Since its inception, AIU has been actively engaged in the growth and development of higher education in India. It serves as a flagship body for Indian higher education institutions, bringing together all types of universities—including Conventional, Open, Deemed-to-be, State, Central, Private Universities, and Institutes of National Importance—onto a common platform to protect the interests of Indian higher education and promote it globally. Additionally, 19 international universities/institutes from countries such as Bangladesh, Bhutan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nepal, Thailand, UAE, and the UK are Associate Members of AIU. It plays a vital role in shaping Indian higher education policy by providing research-based policy advice to the Government of India and representing the academic community in all major decision-making committees related to higher education. It also facilitates coordination among universities and with national and international bodies on matters of common interest.

About GTU

Gujarat Technological University is a premier academic and research institution which has driven new ways of thinking since its 2007 founding, established by the Government of Gujarat vide Gujarat Act No. 20 of 2007. Today, GTU is an intellectual destination that draws inspired scholars to its campus, keeping GTU at the nexus of ideas that challenge and change the world. GTU is a State University with 412 affiliated colleges in its fold operating across the state of Gujarat through its SIX zones. The University caters to the fields of Engineering, Architecture, Management, Pharmacy and Computer Science. The University has about 2,71,000 students enrolled in a large number of Diploma, Under Graduate, Post Graduate programs along with the robust Doctoral program. GTU is accredited with A+ grade by NAAC and also ranked in top 100 Universities in NIRF-2024 under State Public Universities category, under top 50 universities under Innovation category and 71st rank in Pharmacy Category.

About the Workshop

The National Workshop on Strategic Leadership and Innovation for University Registrars, jointly organized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Gujarat Technological University (GTU), is a forward-looking initiative aimed at equipping Registrars and senior university administrators with future-ready leadership competencies. As key pillars of academic governance, Registrars play a crucial role in maintaining institutional integrity and operational efficiency. This workshop seeks to address the emerging challenges in higher education by fostering strategic thinking, promoting innovation, leveraging digital transformation, and deepening understanding of regulatory frameworks.

The two-day programme features focused sessions on the regulatory frameworks of UGC and AICTE, offering participants practical insights into the latest policies, procedures, and compliance mechanisms. It will also explore the implications of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, with emphasis on

institutional restructuring, multidisciplinary approaches, and governance reforms. A dedicated session on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools in academic administration will highlight how technology can enhance decision-making, streamline operations, and improve service delivery.

Further, sessions on conflict resolution, legal aspects of university functioning, and ethical handling of complex situations will prepare participants for effective and principled leadership. The workshop will encourage knowledge-sharing, scenario-building, and peer engagement to cultivate a collaborative and forward-thinking academic environment. By bringing together experienced professionals and policy experts, the event aims to foster dynamic leadership and contribute to building responsive, transparent, and student-centric academic institutions.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Dr. Abhay Kumar Thakur, IRS

Good Governance Practices & Financial Management

Dr. Abhay Kumar Thakur, IRS is Principal Commissioner of Income Tax in Government of India and has vast experience of tax administration and financial management. As member and Convener of various Committees constituted by the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission, he has played instrumental role in preparing policy documents related to mobilization of extra budgetary resources and its optimum utilization by Central Universities. He has also made valuable contribution as member of Finance and investment committees in Central Universities. He has received appreciation from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for promotion of e-governance in the university and from the Vice Chancellor, BHU for efficiently managing financial resources of the university exceeding 250 million dollars every year.

Use of AI in Administration

Ms. Sreya Chattopadhyay is a Founder Director of **BizInnovision Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi** – a digital-first enterprise specializing in AI-powered marketing, IT solutions, and business automation for MSMEs and institutions. She has worked in a Central Government managing IT in Kolkata, combining public sector service with technological innovation. She has been a faculty in colleges affiliated with UPTU, PTU, and Mumbai University. She is a leading AI trainer and digital transformation expert, having conducted high-impact training programs on Artificial Intelligence, Generative AI, Prompt Engineering, Cybersecurity, Data Analysis.



Ms. Sreya Chattopadhyay

E-Office and Digital Transformation

Smt. Monika S Garg is an IAS officer of the 1989 batch. She has worked in the education sector for about 14 years, at top policy level positions including Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary of technical education, higher education, pre-school education and school education and Director General of NIFT. She has spearheaded major reforms to introduce multidisciplinary curriculum and skill training, with special focus on employment-oriented education, by leveraging technology effectively. In her various roles, she has shown great flair at integrating traditional knowledge like khadi, handloom and handicraft with modern subjects like fashion studies, artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies, keeping pace with the evolving educational landscape. She has written extensively on these subjects, and her newspaper columns on the same are much loved. The project 'AI Literacy for All' is her brainchild.



Smt. Monika S Garg, IAS

Regulatory Framework and Conflict Resolution & Handling of Legal Matters

Shri Shreenibas Chandra Prusty is a seasoned academic administrator and finance professional with over 35 years of experience spanning academia, corporate, and government sectors. Presently serving as Registrar at the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi—a premier legal research institution under the Supreme Court of India—he has held this position since June 2014. His rich experience includes key administrative and financial leadership roles at several Central Universities and technical institutions such as the Central University of Odisha, Tezpur University, IIITDM Jabalpur, SMVDU, and NIT Rourkela. He has contributed to policy-making as a member of various governing bodies, finance and selection committees, and has chaired UGC inquiry panels, making him a respected figure in higher education administration.



Shri Shreenibas Chandra Prusty

Right to Information Act

Dr. A. K. Ganatra is Retired Deputy Director (class-1) of Animal Husbandry Dept. Govt. of Gujarat. He has served as government officer for more than 34 years. His area of expertise is RTI Act 2005 and RCPS Act 2013, Indian Knowledge System and Soft skills. He has trained more than 60000 participants of Govt. organizations through many training institutes since 2004. He has long been involved in governance and contributed as author of book titled "RTI 370" (compilation of gist of 370 judgements related to RTI Act 2005) and as co-author of a book "SHATADAL" (Compilation of RTI Act 2005 related 101 judgements. He has awarded for best research papers on RTI Act 2005 and Transparency under RTI Act 2005 at national level.



Dr. A. K. Ganatra

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORKSHOP

Day-1, 26-06-2025, Thursday	
Time	Schedule
08:45 AM TO 09:00 AM	Departure from Hotel
09:30 AM TO 10:00 AM	Registration
10:00 AM TO 10:45 AM	Inauguration Session
10.45 AM TO 11:15 AM	Tea Break
11:15 AM TO 01:15 PM	Session-1: Good Governance Practices & Financial Management Dr. Abhay Kumar Thakur, IRS
01:15 PM TO 02:00 PM	Lunch Break
02:00 PM TO 04:00 PM	Session-2: E-Office, Digital Transformation and Use of AI in Administration Ms. Monika Garg, IAS and Ms. Sreya Chattopadhyay
04:00 PM TO 04:30 PM	Tea Break
04:30 PM TO 07:30 PM	Visit to GIFT City, Gandhinagar (1st Smart City of India)
07.30 PM ONWARDS	Drop to Hotel
Day-2, 27-06-2025, Friday	
10:30 AM TO 11:45 AM	Session-3: Regulatory Framework and Conflict Resolution Shri Shreenibas Chandra Prusty, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi
11:45 AM TO 12:00 NOON	Tea Break
12:00 NOON TO 01:30 PM	Session-4: Handling of Legal Matters Shri Shreenibas Chandra Prusty, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi
01:30 PM TO 02:30 PM	Lunch Break
02:30 PM TO 03:45 PM	Session-5: Right to Information Act Dr. A. K. Ganatra Retired Deputy Director (class-1) Animal Husbandry Dept., Govt. of Gujarat
03:45 PM TO 04:00 PM	Tea Break
04:00 PM TO 04:30 PM	Valedictory Session and Certificate Distribution

Patrons



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