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***Taking Higher Education to the next orbit – Agenda for Reforms in the North***  
Saturday, 13 October 2012 : CII (Northern Region) Headquarters, Chandigarh

## Programme

<b>1000 – 1050 hrs</b>	<b>Inaugural Session</b>	
1000 – 1010 hrs	Welcome Address	<b>Ms Kamna Raj Aggarwalla</b> Co – Chairperson ( Education ) Special Task Force on Skills & Education, CII (NR) and Director, GDPA Fasteners
1010 – 1020 hrs	Theme Presentation by the Knowledge Partner	<b>Mr Harminder Sahni</b> Managing Director Wazir Advisors
1020 – 1025 hrs	<b>Release of the CII – Wazir Knowledge Paper on “Taking Higher Education in Northern Region to the next Orbit” by the Guest of Honour</b>	
1025 – 1045 hrs	Special Address by the <b>Guest of Honour</b>	<b>Mr Dhanpat Singh</b> Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary - Technical Education Department Government of Haryana
1045 – 1050 hrs	Vote of Thanks	<b>Mr Manmohan Singh Kohli</b> Vice Chairman, CII Chandigarh State Council & Chief Executive Officer Kalyan Singh Darshan Singh
<b>1050 – 1120 hrs</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	

**1120 – 1230 hrs      Panel Discussion I: Reforms in the sector for universalizing quality education**

Government has been taking several initiatives to provide impetus to the education sector and has pledged to raise public spending on education to 6% of Gross Domestic Product as per 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan 2007-2012 against ~4% mark (which is the prevalent norm). The sector has been a high priority one and requires constant support initiatives from various stakeholders. This session seeks to deliberate on the role of government in reforming Indian education system to increase **accessibility** of education, enhance **quality** and ensure **funding** in the sector. It will also throw light on the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year plan approach paper on Education.

The session seeks to discuss various policy reforms, and bring in more accountability and transparency in the higher education institutes through reforms like mandatory disclosure norms.

The session also aims to highlight some of the initiatives taken by the Government authorities in the Northern region to improve the education infrastructure and the plans which are underway to catalyse the growth further.

<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Dr Lovi Raj Gupta</b> Vice Chancellor Baddi University
<b>Lead Speaker ( Industry perspective)</b> What are the main issues faced by the sector? What potential steps should the government take to address these?	<b>Dr Ashok Saxena</b> Vice Chancellor Galgotias University
<b>Panelists</b>	
How can the government raise the quality and ensure more accountability & transparency in the system?	<b>Mr Basab Banerjee</b> Head - Standards and QA National Skill Development Corporation
What strategic steps should the government take to increase the accessibility of education?	<b>Mr K Raman</b> Practice Head – Education TATA Strategic Management Group
Q & A Session	
Summing up by the Moderator	<b>Dr Lovi Raj Gupta</b>

**1230 – 1330 hrs      Panel Discussion II: Private Funding in Higher Education: Key to Strengthen Education infrastructure**

India has one of the largest higher education systems globally, both in terms of absolute number of institution and student enrolment. But the amount of investments made in Higher Education sector in India are below global average. Government has announced an increased budgetary outlay for the education sector. However, the budgets are skewed towards primary education.

An increased private investment in Higher education sector is the key to strengthen education infrastructure and improve the access to quality education. This session seeks to deliberate on the role of private funding in providing impetus to the sector and focus on the following areas:

- Innovative funding models in the sector
- Considerations of PE investors while assessing sector potential
- Solutions to the issues faced by the private investors

<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Mr Harminder Sahni</b> Managing Director Wazir Advisors
<b>Panelists</b>	
What is the role of private funding in transforming the higher education sector?	<b>Mr Arun Grover</b> Vice Chancellor Panjab University
Describe the main models for private sector participation? What is the potential of public-private partnership models? What are the key ways to push these partnerships?	<b>Mr Vijay Ronjan</b> DGM – Business & Operations State Bank of India
What are the key inhibitors of private funding in the education sector? How can private participation be encouraged?	<b>Dr Vinod Shanbhag</b> Head of Academics Laureate International Universities
Q & A Session	
Summing up by the Moderator	<b>Mr Harminder Sahni</b>

**1330 – 1415 hrs      Lunch**

**1415 – 1515 hrs      Panel Discussion III: How to make India a Global education Hub?**

The growth in the education sector is a global phenomenon. Every year, scores of international students across the globe venture abroad, seeking higher quality of education, than that provided in their country of origin. This phenomenon presents one of the key opportunities for the Indian education system. Investment into infrastructure, focus on quality, attracting international lecturers, and improved marketing skills are some of the factors which could lead to a heavier influx of foreign students into India.

This session would focus on how the Indian education system could un-tap the potential in this sphere and the key learning from the success stories of international universities in countries like the US, Canada, the UK and Australia, which manage to attract students from around the globe every year. Key issues to be discussed in this session :

- Opportunities in the sector - Education tourism
- Steps to raise the standard of Indian universities
- Learning from International success stories
- Potential in Collaboration with foreign universities
- Initiatives to make India a more attractive destination for students

<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Mr Arindam Saha</b> Associate Director Wazir Advisors
<b>Panelists</b>	
What are the key advantages of attracting foreign students for the country? Steps to be taken to raise the standard of Indian Universities	<b>Mr Jaiprakash Singh Hasrajani</b> Co-Founder and CEO Taleem India
What is the potential in collaborating with foreign universities? Examples of international university collaborations	<b>Mr Varun Arya</b> Director Aravali Institute of Management, Rajasthan
What are the key strategies for becoming a global education hub?	<b>Dr V Natarajan</b> Professor Emeritus, MeritTrac Services
Q & A Session	
Summing up by the Moderator	<b>Mr Arindam Saha</b>

**1515 – 1530 hrs      Tea / Coffee Break**

**1530 – 1630 hrs Panel Discussion IV: Need for Industry Academia collaborative effort**

Indian education system is crippled with significant skills gap between what is delivered by way of teaching in these institutions, versus what is expected when these candidates enter the corporate bandwagon. Hence, it is imperative to facilitate greater interactions between the education institutes and corporates and make students job-ready before being inducted into the corporate world. As corporates are best positioned to understand the specific needs of each sector, there is a significant opportunity for Corporate-Institute collaboration which can maximise value output for all - students, corporate and institutes.

The session seeks to deliberate on the need for collaboration between the institutions and corporate entities and focus on the following areas:

- What are the skill gaps currently found and in which ways can the industry collaborate with institutes to address these skill gaps?
- Which are the key focus areas of collaboration, e.g., research, industry internships, joint curriculum designing, collaboration in continuing education, etc.?
- How some of the service oriented sectors like hospitality, healthcare, retail can run employability wrapping courses in collaboration with private institutes?

<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Ms Neeti Sharma</b> Vice President Team Lease Services Pvt. Ltd
<b>Panelists</b>	
What are the various ways of collaborations that are possible?	<b>Dr Lovi Raj</b> Vice Chancellor Baddi University
Key focus areas of collaboration	<b>Prof Shashi K Dhiman</b> Vice Chancellor HP Technical University
What are the skill gaps being felt by Industry	<b>Mr I M J S Sidhu</b> President & Director Vardhman Textiles Limited
How important is it for academia to understand Industry's needs ? How effectively can industry – academia collaboration address these needs?	<b>Mr Manish Trehan</b> CEO PTU Gian Jyoti School of TQM & Entrepreneurship
Q & A Session	
Summing up by the Moderator	<b>Ms Neeti Sharma</b>

**1630 – 1645 hrs** Conference Sum-up

**Mr Harminder Sahni**  
Managing Director  
Wazir Advisors

**1645 hrs** Close

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