

Institute Lecture

(under the aegis of the lecture series "Making of a University")

Innovations in Institution Building

Dr. Pramath Raj Sinha



3rd November, 2018, Time: 10:30 am, Venue: L 4, Lecture Hall Complex

Abstract

Higher educational institutions of repute have taken decades, if not centuries, to build their stature. Can “world-class” institutions be built in merely a few years? As India strives to build many new institutions of higher education in a resource- and faculty-starved environment, this lecture will highlight learnings from the experience of building high-quality programmes and institutions like ISB, Ashoka University, Young India Fellowship and the Vedica Scholars Programme among others. Are there real innovations and best practices in the “Making of a University” that are enduring and sustainable? Are they as relevant and applicable to old, existing institutions as to new institutions? Get the answers to these questions and more through the first-hand account of an IITK alum who has been intimately associated with the making of not just one but many universities.

About the Speaker

Pramath Raj Sinha has helped establish multiple new high-quality institutions of higher education in India over the past 20 years. Pramath is the Founding Dean and Executive Board member of the Indian School of Business (ISB), an initiative led by a group of leading Indian business leaders, which rapidly became a top 20 B-school in the world. He is also the Founder and Trustee of an acclaimed new liberal arts university, Ashoka University, which launched the popular Young India Fellowship 7 years ago. He is now leading the creation of a unique new university, Anant National University, with design thinking at its core, spanning the fields of architecture, design and sustainability. In addition, he has helped create the National Rail and Transportation Institute (NRTI), a priority university project for the Government of India. In 2015, Pramath launched the Vedica Scholars Programme for Women, a distinctive 18-month full-time and residential “reimagined MBA” that attracts high-potential women from across India. Two years later, he helped launch the Indian School of Development Management (ISDM) which is focused on creating a cadre of leaders for the development sector in India. He has also recently launched the Naropa Fellowship – an entrepreneurial leadership programme to attract young talent from the region to re-engage in the growth and development of their native Himalayan communities.

Pramath leads the India operations of and is a Senior Counselor with the Albright Stonebridge Group, a US-based commercial diplomacy firm founded by former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Previously, he was a Partner with McKinsey and Company and is the Founder of the 9.9 Group which has interests in specialty media, strategic advisory services and higher education.

Pramath received M.S.E. and Ph.D. degrees in mechanical engineering and applied mechanics from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.Tech. in metallurgical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, where he was conferred the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2018.

Tea@ 10:15 am

All interested are Welcome.

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