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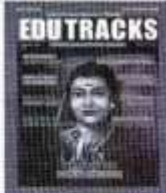
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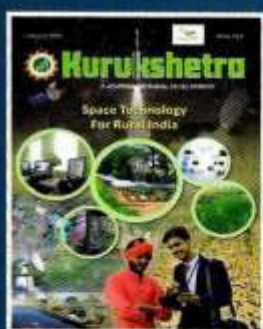
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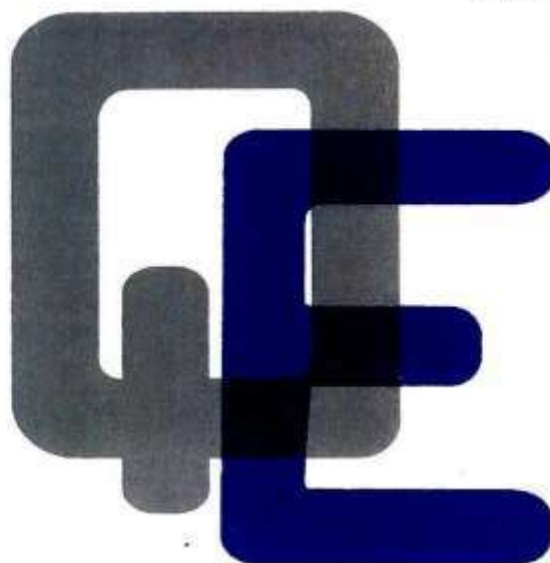
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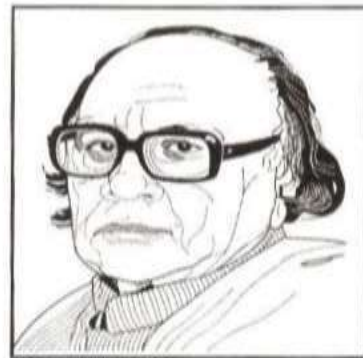


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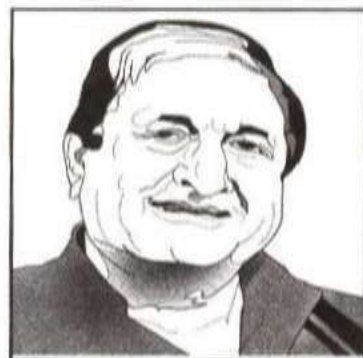


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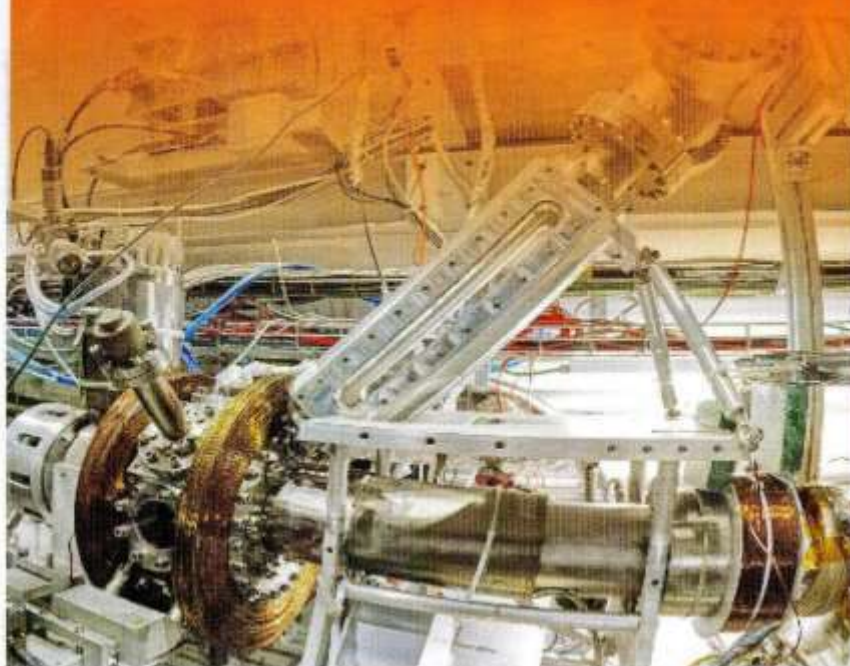
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Introduction

The universe of knowledge is the sum-total of the knowledge created cumulatively through the spiral of scientific method. For primary, secondary and tertiary resources the researchers visit the libraries, archives and museum. The author's idea goes for the togetherness of libraries, archives and museums, on a particular discipline. The article highlights the usefulness of the collections available in libraries, archives and museums and how they have a common goal for which she proposes for convergence of the three components. The author, after coming across the togetherness of Libraries, Archival and Museum (LAM) globally, feels its importance locally. She feels that, education is the most powerful weapon to change the world. An investment in education by the parents pays the best interest. The author realizes the importance of school education for the community, particularly for the parents. NCERT's contribution in this direction through its departments/ divisions/ cells and constituent units is worth publicity. It promotes bilateral cultural exchange programs with other countries too. NCERT brings transformation in the field of school education through different education policies. There are few artifacts displayed in the NCERT campus for the understanding of the general public. The author concludes on the togetherness of LAM and proposes to develop a vision with mandate and scope for incentives by the change agent with proper administrative mooring for its implementation.

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- "R: Rational way of thinking;
- E: Expert and exhaustive treatment;
- S: Search and solution;
- E: Exactness;
- A: Analysis;
- R: Relationship of facts;
- C: Critical observation; and
- H: Honesty and hardworking" (7)

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Vishwa Guru Bharat: Reflections on 78 Years of Independence

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In the expansive tapestry of global history, India is celebrated as a beacon of enduring wisdom and rich cultural heritage. The notion of "Vishwa Guru Bharat," or "India as the World Teacher," holds profound significance, especially as we reflect after 78 years of independence. This journey transcends mere political emancipation and delves into India's evolving role as a global guide and leader.

India's pursuit of independence, culminating on August 15, 1947, marked a significant transformation from colonial rule to self-governance. This transition was not just a political shift but the beginning of a new era where India sought to reassert its ancient role as a beacon of knowledge and culture on the world stage (Ganguly, 2022). The period from 75 Years till Hundred Years was declared as *Amrit Kaal* by the Indian Government. Over these 78 years, India has navigated through a complex array of challenges and opportunities, demonstrating resilience and vision in its development. The concept of "Vishwa Guru Bharat" is deeply rooted in India's historical contributions to global thought. Ancient texts such as the Vedas and Upanishads have long been revered for their spiritual and philosophical insights (Srinivasan, 2019). These texts have laid the foundation for India's reputation as a repository of profound wisdom. In the modern era, figures like Mahatma Gandhi have reinforced this role through their advocacy of non-violence and social justice (Nair, 2020). The post-independence period has seen India rejuvenate this legacy, particularly through advances in science and technology, which have positioned it as a key player in the global arena (Kumar, 2021).

Economically, India has transitioned from a primarily agrarian society to a dynamic force in industry and technology. The economic liberalization of the 1990s was a turning point, propelling India onto the global stage and spurring rapid economic growth (Chakraborty, 2022). Socially, India has made significant progress in education, healthcare, and infrastructure, though it continues to address the complexities of its diverse demographic landscape (Mehta, 2023).

Culturally, India remains a vibrant mosaic of languages, traditions, and practices. Its commitment to celebrating and promoting this diversity is integral to its identity as a global leader (Raj, 2021). Politically, India's democratic framework stands as a testament to

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Fostering Collaborations for Transforming Higher Education by 2047

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India, aiming to achieve developed-nation status, must integrate these partnerships into its education and economic frameworks. This paper explores how industry-academia collaborations can address existing gaps, leverage new opportunities, and build a resilient ecosystem to align education with the evolving demands of industries. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a transformative shift in Indian higher education, emphasizing multidisciplinary learning, global competitiveness, and skill-oriented development. The policy offers a blueprint for integrating traditional academic excellence with modern industry demands through innovative partnerships. These collaborations aim to bridge gaps in employability, foster research innovation and support India's goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047.

From Silos to Synergies

Historically, the relationship between Indian academia and industries has been characterized by mutual detachment. Academic institutions focused on knowledge dissemination and research, often without practical applicability, while industries sought job-ready talent without investing in academic collaborations. This dichotomy led to a persistent skill gap and underutilized intellectual resources. However, with globalization, rapid technological advancements, and policy reforms, the need for synergies between these two pillars has become imperative. The NEP---2020 advocates for the dismantling of traditional silos and the promotion of interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches (GoI, 2020). Global exemplars such as Germany's dual education model and the Stanford-Silicon Valley ecosystem illustrate the transformative potential of robust partnerships between academia and industry. Inspired by such models, India is beginning to align its educational priorities with industrial demands, fostering an ecosystem that thrives on shared knowledge and co-created solutions.

Transformative Success Stories

India has already witnessed the impact of successful industry-academia collaborations. The IIT Madras Research Park exemplifies the potential of university-based innovation hubs. By hosting over 200 startups and facilitating the generation of more than 100 patents, this park demonstrates how sustained collaboration can drive research commercialization and foster entrepreneurship. Its projects span areas such as artificial intelligence, electric vehicles, and renewable energy, showcasing its alignment with global sustainability goals.

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