



Media Release

## Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh delivers special lecture on 'Amrit Kaal ka Bharat' at EDII

**Ahmedabad, October 8, 2023:** Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh, delivered a special lecture on 'Amrit Kaal Ka Bharat' at the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October. The special lecture was organised by Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, in collaboration with the India Think Council.

Dr Sunil Shukla, Director General, EDII, Dr Milind Kamble, Founder Chairman- DICCI & Governing Board Member, EDII, and Shri Saurabh Pandey, Director, India Think Council were among the other dignitaries present during the event.

Speaking about the crucial role of entrepreneurship in Amrit Kaal Ka Bharat, Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla said, "India is not just a market, it is a ground for innovation. Fiscal revolution, breakthroughs in education, taxation revolution, emphasis on inclusive growth are some of the hallmarks of the Indian Government. Indian Government's act of reaching out to the grassroots after understanding the basic problems of people, and making sure that basic necessities are fulfilled, is highly appreciable. And, I praise the people too, for accepting and participating in this process of development. Our achievements are getting aligned with the achievements of the country and that I believe is Amrit Kaal. Talking about Entrepreneurship, I would say, it is the backbone of a thriving economy. It embodies the spirit of innovation, risk-taking, and the drive to create something new and valuable. Amrit Kaal looks forward to seeing youths, women, artisans and the citizens across segments, empowered and skilled with access to modern digital techniques and global markets."

In his opening remarks, Dr. Sunil Shukla said, "India's progressive policies and initiatives are game changers. They are taking the country ahead on several fronts. EDII is working in line with the vision of Amrit Kaal ka Bharat. EDII's programmes and its work in a collaborative mode with various Government Departments and Ministries is creating opportunities for youth, women, artisans, technologists, existing entrepreneurs and several other target groups. EDII is committed to ensuring a developed and empowered India."

Dr. Milind Kamble in his address said, "While we talk about Amrit Kaal, I appreciate, the focus given to strengthening education. New Education Policy 2020 will lead to skilled youths and that will be the strongest pillar of Amrit Kaal ka Bharat. Further, the G20 Presidency gave the nation an opportunity to showcase the steps taken in the field of



financial inclusion, skill development, education, and housing for all etc. I think the country is envisioning growth with standards that are truly global, inclusive and unparalleled.”

Shri Saurabh Pandey opined, “India is evolving fast on the fronts of soft power ,bilateral relations , ayush , education, technology, food processing, agriculture, and other such emerging areas. This evolution is certainly inducing sustainable growth and inclusive development, which are the visions of Amrit Kaal ka Bharat. Bharat is getting all its glorious pride back and vedic heritage. It is a pleasure to witness the nation growing from strength to strength.”

During the event, the Centre for Implementation of National Education Policy-2020 was inaugurated at the hands of the Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla. The centre will impart guidance to leading educational establishments of the country with regard to implementation of NEP 2020 to make education inclusive and holistic.

The lecture was followed by a panel discussion of the Hon'ble Governor with invited guests from the Industry, Academia and Government. The discussions covered subjects as diverse as industry, tourism, role of academics/institutions, climate change, and related areas. It was moderated by Shri Sunil Parekh, Senior Industry Veteran, Founding Curator of AGS by WEF Geneva, and Start-up Evangelist.

### **About Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)**

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