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Knowledge Utsav

Knowledge Utsav, India's a largest Research and Development (R&D) conference, was held in Bangalore last week. The conference called for enhanced public-private partnership (PPP) model to promote R&D in various sectors in India.

The conference was jointly organised by Edu.In, Tumkur University and Jain Research Foundation (JGi).

The former Union Minister of State for Planning, M.V. Rajasekharan, while inaugurating the conference, said "The industry has to engage the universities at different levels of research and be liberal in funding R&D efforts. Universities in the western world have been the platforms for research for various industries and they have been mutually beneficial."

R. Chenraj Jain, Chief Mentor- Edu.In and Chairman-Jain University, said, "We are extremely pleased to receive such an overwhelming response for this first edition of Knowledge Utsav. The conference attracted 465 papers across 44 different disciplines."

S.C. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Tumkur University, said, "Universities in India need the backing of the industry to further research.

Only when there is a healthy relationship do both research and industry grow. We have the knowledge base, but we need proper R&D structures and the conference has been an eye-opener in this regard."

Sudha Raju, Chairperson, Edu.In, said, that about 165 institutions from nine States and over 2,000 delegates including from companies such as Microsoft, Adobe, Intel, IBM, HAL, Kirloskar and Oracle participated in the fest.