



Confederation of Indian Industry

The 3rd CII - IIT Mandi Industry-Academia Conclave, May 15, 2016

The Industry-Academia Conclave on May 15 was organized amid a purposeful and enthusiastic participation by the attendees. Over 100 attendees consisting of representatives from the industry and academia came together and held discussions around the Conclave's theme, "Technology & Business Innovation at IIT Mandi".



The Chief Guest at the Conclave, **Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala, Padma Shri**, in his keynote address shared his experience in initiating many successful collaborations with industry and incubating a large number of start-ups. Prof. Jhunjunwala also launched the IIT Mandi Catalyst, a new Technology Business Incubator being set up to help meet IIT Mandi's Vision.

Prof. Timothy A. Gonsalves, the IIT Mandi Director, provided an overview of the capabilities at IIT Mandi, and Sh. Sanjay Khurana, CII HP State Council Chairman, shared his views on the opportunities ahead.

Panel discussions examined ideas on how to take IIT Mandi's collaborations with industry to the next level, how to make **IIT Mandi Catalyst** an effective incubator, and opportunities where technology could help the industry in the Northern region of India.

