



BITS Pilani

Pilani Campus

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BEST INNOVATIVE TEACHING STRATEGIES (ICON-BITS)

29-31 July, 2021

<https://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/pilani/iconbits/home>

About BITS Pilani Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani (BITS Pilani) has been consistently ranked high, by both governmental and private ranking agencies for its innovative processes and capabilities that have enabled it to impart quality education and emerge as the best private science and engineering institute in India. As per various reports by business magazines, the student acceptance rate to BITS Pilani is one of the most stringent in the world. BITS Pilani continuously strives to cater to the expectations of its brilliant student cohort and has always adopted pedagogical interventions relevant to the time. Pioneering teaching learning experiences like "Intensive Teaching Workshop" for the newly joined faculty, continuous faculty development programs, coupled with cutting edge research, give BITS Pilani its name. In recognition of the high standard that BITS Pilani strives to uphold, University Grant Commission, in 2018, has declared it as an "Institute of Eminence" (IoE).

Teaching Learning Centre (TLC)

To create and uphold excellence in teaching at BITS Pilani, a Teaching Learning Centre is established across the institute, in all the four campuses. The Teaching-Learning Centre promotes teaching learning experience, encourages innovation in teaching-learning methodologies and creates a platform for learning from the best practitioners and from each other. It also does foundational research related to teaching-learning processes and actively seeks strategies / interventions in specific target contexts. The details of the Teaching Learning Centre can be obtained from <https://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/tlc/home.html>.



Recent Activities of TLC

- Training Session on Online Assessment on Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams (6 Sep 2020)
- Naya Kshitij: NEP 2020 for Schools: Implementation Preparedness, Challenges and Way-Forward in Schools of Rajasthan (26 Sep 2020)
- Naya Kshitij: NEP 2020 for Higher Education: Implementation, Preparedness, Challenges and Way-Forward (7 Nov 2020)
- TLC Short Term Proposals on Innovation in Pedagogy from faculty members and students
- Online Survey on the Online teaching learning at BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus, jointly conducted by the Teaching Learning Centre the Students' Academic Cell (Nov 2020)
- Naya Kshitij - NEP 2020 for Higher Education: Faculty Development Programme (17 Dec 2020 - 22 Dec 2020)
- "Naya Kshitij: NEP 2020 Teachers' Training Workshop for School Teachers" (21 Dec 2020 - 25 Dec 2020)
- Indian Coding Workshop for Kids (ICWK 2021) (4 Jan 2021 - 10 Jan 2021)
- Intensive Teaching Workshop 2021 (20 Mar 2021 and 27 Mar 2021)

About Conference

The rapid technological innovations have changed the world at a pace faster than many of us could imagine. On one hand easy access to information has created better learning opportunities, and on the other hand it has made attracting students' attention in a conventional classroom more difficult. To add to this, the recent pandemic caused by COVID-19 has suddenly forced the educational institutes to conduct the academic activities online. This has demanded rapid adaptation to the new normal in the academic community. While many teachers find it difficult to teach in a virtual environment, students also complain of added physical and psychological stress. The effectiveness of teaching learning and assessment activities and their long term effect requires a serious academic and intellectual debate. Keeping this in view, the Teaching Learning Centre (TLC) of BITS Pilani, Pilani campus is organizing an International Conference on Best Innovative Teaching Strategies (ICON-BITS 2021).

The ICON-BITS 2021 will provide a platform to all the academicians, researchers, policy makers, administrators, technocrats and developers who are actively engaged in the field of education technology to exchange and share their experiences, research results, innovative ideas and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted

Keynote Speakers

- Prof. Kinshuk (University of North Texas)
- Prof. Nian-Shing Chen (National Yunlin University of Science and Technology)
- Prof. Chun-Yen Chang (National Taiwan Normal University)

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Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline	31 May 2021
Notification of Acceptance of Abstract	21 Jun 2021
Early Registration Deadline	30 Jun 2021
Last Date for Submission of Full Papers	05 Jul 2021
Late Registration Deadline	10 Jul 2021
Conference Dates (Completely Online)	29 Jul 2021 - 31 Jul 2021

Registration Fees

	Indian Nationals		International	
	Early	Late	Early	Late
Academicians	₹1500	₹1800	\$150	\$180
PhD Research Scholars/Students	₹750	₹900	\$75	\$90
Others	₹1800	₹2400	\$180	\$240

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Publication Opportunities

All papers selected for the conference will be published in SCOPUS indexed conference proceedings with ISBN. The conference committee is exploring opportunities for publishing selected papers from the conference in SCOPUS indexed journals.

Best Paper Awards

Conference Jury will select and announce three Best Paper Awards from the full papers submitted and presented.

Sponsorship Opportunities

To explore sponsorship opportunities, please send an e-mail to bits.icon.bits@gmail.com.



Organizing Committee

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