

All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Society,

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Press Note

The Pune based All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Society (AISSMS) will be holding a two day "Indo-US Education Colloquium 2013" on February 5-6, 2013, in the city in collaboration with Alliance for US India Business (AUSIB). This Colloquium will see a high profile delegation comprising more than 35 renowned academicians, corporate leaders and policy makers from USA. This includes US Ambassador to India, Ms Swati Dandekar of Iowa Utilities Board, Mr Bill Northey, Secretary of Agriculture, Iowa State and Mr Mahesh Naithani of pharmaceutical industries, to name a few. Also in attendance will be their counterparts from India.

Highlights of this Colloquium are to initiate efforts to strengthen collaborative activity and build partnership between Indian and American institutions for higher education in order to encourage mutual understanding, facilitate educational reforms and engage civil society through mutual cooperation, so as to lead towards the economic development. It will also provide an opportunity for one-to-one interaction between US and Indian participants, leading to the signing of MoUs.

The two-day Colloquium will address on issues such as knowledge exchange activities which will include curriculum design, research collaboration, domain specific exchanges, seminars, skill up-gradation and explore avenues for facilitating enduring relationship between partner institutions in the form of dual degree and twining programs, collaborative research and faculty and student exchange programs, to name a few.

AISSMS, established in 1917 by Rajarshi Shrimant Shri Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaj of Kolhapur to promote the noble cause of education, has been in the forefront in educating the masses through the varied institutes running under its umbrella not only from kindergarten to post graduate studies, but doctoral studies as well. It runs higher education institutes in the field of Engineering, Pharmacy, Management Science and Hotel Management and Catering Technology.

AUSIB is a not-for-profit trade association that works towards strengthening the US-India business and education relationship through organizing annual delegations to India and USA consisting of leading policy makers from both the countries so as to provide a platform for leaders in education and business to come together and deliberate upon avenues of cooperation and collaboration.

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