

Webinar on “Scaling Blended Solutions: Creating Knowledge Networks for Open Innovation Ecosystem”

- Topic:** Scaling Blended Solutions: Creating Knowledge Networks for Open Innovation Ecosystem
- Speaker:** Prof. Anil K. Gupta (Padma Shri, Founder: The Honey Bee Network, National Innovation Foundation)
- Date:** 25th September 2020 (Friday)
- Time:** 5.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M.

Biography of the Speaker:

Professor Anil K. Gupta is a visiting faculty, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad; after teaching there for four decades, and at IIT Bombay. Ph.D. (Management), MSc. Biochemical Genetics. Fellow: NAAS, WAAS, & INSA. Founder: The Honey Bee Network, National Innovation Foundation, www.nifindia.org, SRISTI.org and GIAN.org; CSIR Bhatnagar Fellow, 2018-21.

His mission is to expand the global as well as local space for innovations *from* and *for* grassroots, link ideas in informal and formal sector; to ensure recognition, respect and reward for creative communities, individuals, children and tech students etc., and to augment open innovations by individuals, institutions, corporations, and countries through frugal, flexible and friendly empathetic platforms. He is seen as a pioneer in the field of grassroots innovations, in which his contribution includes documenting people's knowledge with the help of teams of volunteers spread across India. He helps grassroots innovators and communities build on their knowledge systems by providing help in filing patents, promoting scientific validation of these innovations by involving government scientific institutes and private individuals and bodies and facilitating tie-ups with entrepreneurs and industrial groups.

For his contributions, Prof. Gupta was awarded the [Padma Shri](#) in the year 2004. His other awards includes, Humanistic Management Lifetime Achievement Award by the Humanistic Management Network, at the 73rd Annual meeting of the Academy of Management, USA, 2013; Ph.D Honoris Causa, San Martin de Porres University, Peru 2015; Hermes Award European Institute for Creative Strategies and Innovation, Paris,2012 and many more. He holds many prestigious positions such as Member, HIGH level Committee on CSR, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, 2019; Selection

Committee for Visitor's Awards, 2015-18 Office of the President of India; Member, National Innovation Council, Chaired by Adviser to Prime Minister (2010-2013); Member Advisory Committee, Future Innovation Forum, Seoul, 2016-2019; Editor, Honey Bee, a quarterly newsletter on grassroots green innovations, 1990 – present; etc.

Prof. Gupta is a widely published author and his book “The book Grassroots Innovation: Mind on the margin are not marginal minds, New Delhi-Penguin”, received the best Business Book Award at Tata Lit Live festival, Nov 20, 2016.