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PROFILE

Dr. Milind Pande is recognized as a transformative leader in higher education. Under his dynamic leadership, MIT-School of Telecom Management has achieved recognition as one of India's top 50 premier B-Schools in the NIRF rankings. With over three decades of experience, Dr. Pande currently serves as the Pro Vice Chancellor of MIT World Peace University in Pune. His visionary approach extends to fostering innovation through various platforms such as Smart India Hackathon, HackMIT-WPU, RIDE Conclave (Research Innovation Design Entrepreneurship), Robocon (National and International Competition) and Drobocon competition. Dr. Pande leverages emerging technologies to cultivate new business models and encourage startup development, showcasing his foresight and expertise in the field.

Dr. Milind Pande's vision is centered on transforming MIT-WPU into an innovation hub that fosters an entrepreneurial spirit among students. His dedication and determination have propelled the university towards excellence, creating significant societal impact through strategic corporate and community partnerships. These initiatives enhance the holistic development of students. Dr. Pande is the driving force behind the university's technological advancements and the integration of peace into its core values.

Dr. Pande has been a key figure in launching significant technical events in India, including the international robotic contest Robocon since 2005, as well as the Smart India Hackathon, RIDE Conclave (Research Innovation Design Entrepreneurship) and HackMIT-WPU, the university's flagship event.

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Dr. Milind Pande was the National Convenor of the G20 Interfaith Summit at World Peace Dome, Rajbaug, Pune, Bharat. He is successfully continuing to be the Chief Convenor of the UNESCO chair's 'Endowment Lecture Series,' a legacy event promoting value-based universal education and fostering a culture of peace globally. He is also the Chief Convenor of World Parliament of Science, Religion & Philosophy initiated by Rev. Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D Karad.

Dr. Pande has been instrumental in actualizing the vision of former President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam for "Providing Urban Amenities to Rural Areas (PUARA)." He is also a distinguished recipient of a coveted Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Technology Transfer from the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. As an erudite researcher, Dr. Pande boasts over 70 research publications (many in the quartine journals 1 and 2) , 11 Patents (07 International Patents and 04 Indian Patents) and numerous academic accolades. His extensive international experience includes over 20 visits to countries such as the USA, UK, Singapore, France, Finland, Egypt, UAE, and Switzerland.

In recognition of his contributions, Dr. Pande was honored with the Industrial Research Scientist Award by the prestigious Audyogik Samshodhan Vikas Kendra (VASVIK) in the Information and Communication Technology category in 2021. He is also a rare recipient of the Rotary International Peace Fellowship USA. Additionally, Dr. Pande served as a member of the Telecom Advisory Committee for the Pune Telecom District, BSNL, under the Ministry of IT and Telecom, Government of India.

Dr. Pande envisions creating a sustainable transformation in the Indian higher education landscape. He passionately advocates for the integration of innovative technology with Indian talent, encapsulated in his belief of **IT+IT=IT**, "Innovative Technology + Indian Talent = India Tomorrow."