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Vice Chancellors- CEOs Roundtable

“India a global destination for higher education – Role of industry and academia partnership”

*FICCI, Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi
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India has a rich history of being the knowledge hub. It is known for establishing the very first Universities like Nalanda and Takshishila of the world. The disruptive changes in the world accompanied by the new **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** requires a rethink on institution evolution and development of education programmes and systems that will contribute to making India a global hub in higher education.

Skilled workforce acts as a bedrock in the growth of world economy. In this fast-paced competitive world, fresh young minds required to be developed for the future by instilling creative thinking skills that should be in sync with academic knowledge. It is increasingly recognized across the globe that close interface between academia and industry not only prepares youth for the changing needs and aspirations of the industry, but also promotes research and innovation landscape of a country, thereby making the country a preferred global destination for higher education.

In this context, there are a few fundamental questions that one needs to examine. How can we make students more resilient, globally competitive, stop brain drain and position India as the Global hub for Education. How can we equip learners to thrive in an interconnected world where they need to understand and appreciate different perspectives and worldviews, and take responsible action towards sustainability and collective well-being? What role industry can play in development of a multi disciplinary research environment in institutions?

Further we need to consider a lot of factors that impact the decision making of learners so that we can attract international and national talent, gainfully engage and develop them into a global workforce. Learners today need to be equipped with employability skills that are transferable across a broad range of job opportunities and help them modify their approach to solving business problems in dynamic industry environments.



The Vice Chancellors' CEOs Roundtable will look at various important facets of engagement between higher educational institutions and industry that would augment the quality of Indian higher education ecosystem, thereby making India a preferred destination for higher education both for national and foreign students. The roundtable will also categorically focus to understand the specific role that Indian industry (small and large corporates) would play in defining the higher education roadmap of the country.

In this context, few issues arise that need to be discussed in this forum:

1. What are the global signals of quality education and how can Indian institutions be prepared for them
2. What cultural, social, financial and emotional support initiatives can be offered to international learners so that they feel more at home
3. What are the opportunities that Indian industry could offer in attracting foreign students to India
4. What role could industry play in development of teachers in 21st Century skills
5. What role industry can play to develop research infrastructure in universities/institutions of higher learning
6. How do we ensure World class infrastructure and learning environment for students
7. What regulatory and policy flexibilities and amendments can be brought in so as to attract international talent

List of participants:

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4. **Prof. Souvik Bhattacharya**, Co-Chair-FICCI HE Committee & Vice Chancellor, BITS Pilani
5. **Mr. Ravi Panchanadan**, Co-Chair-FICCI HE committee & Managing Director & CEO, Manipal Global Education Services
6. **Prof. N. V. Varghese**, Vice Chancellor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA)
7. **Dr. Rajan Saxena**, Advisor, FICCI Higher Education Committee
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12. **Prof. Ravindra Kumar Sinha**, Vice Chancellor, Gautam Buddha University
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