

**16<sup>th</sup> FICCI Higher Education Summit 2021**  
**Higher Education @ 2030 : R.I.S.E.**  
**Resilience. Innovation. Sustainability. Enterprise.**  
**Global Conference and Exhibition**  
**February 25-27, 2021**

**Pre-Conference - February 24, 2021**

<b>2:30 pm- 3:45 pm</b>	<b>Masterclass 1</b> <b>'Mental and Physical Wellness: Harmonizing Mind, Body and Spirit'</b>  <b>Convenors : Symbiosis International University and Sri Sri University</b>
<b>3:45 pm – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>4:00 pm- 5:15 pm</b>	<b>Masterclass 2</b> <b>'Enterprise Risk Management'</b> <b>Convenors :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prabha Thomas</b>, Strategic Advisory Board Member, IRM India and VP &amp; Chief Risk and Compliance Officer, TCS</li><li>• <b>Hersh Shah</b>, CEO, India Affiliate Institute of Risk Management (IRM)</li></ul>
<b>5:15 pm – 5:45 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>6:00– 7:30 pm</b>	<b>VC – CEO Roundtable</b> <b>'Rethink. Reimagine. Restrategise Academia — Industry Partnership'</b>

## Conference Program

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Day 1 – February 25, 2021		AUDI -1
	<b><u>Inaugural Session</u></b>	
10:00 am – 10:08 am	<b>Welcome Address</b> Mr Uday Shankar, President, FICCI	
10:08 am – 10:18 am	<b>Theme Address</b> Dr Vidya Yeravdekar, Chair-FICCI Higher Education Committee and Pro-Chancellor Symbiosis International University	
10:18 am – 10:33 am	<b>Special Address</b> Dr R A Mashelkar, National Research Professor and Chancellor, Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research	
10:33 am – 10:35 am	<b>Release of Knowledge Paper</b> FICCI EY Report “Higher Education in India: 2040”	
10:35 am – 10:55 am	<b>Inaugural Address</b> Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’, Minister of Education, GoI	
10:55 am – 11:00 am	<b>Vote of Thanks</b> Mr Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, FICCI	
	<b>On the dais</b> Dr Rupamanjari Ghosh, Co-chair, FICCI Higher Education Committee and VC Shiv Nadar University Dr Rajan Saxena, Advisor, FICCI Higher Education Committee and Founder, The Open-Ed Works	
	<b>Moderated by</b> Dr Sekar Viswanathan, Co-chair FICCI Higher Education Committee and VP-VIT University	
11:00 am – 11:15 am	<b>Health Break</b>	

	Theme Session : R.I.S.E. <span style="float: right;">AUDI-1</span>
<b>11:15 am – 12:30 pm</b>	<p>As we move towards self-reliance, it is imperative for universities and higher education institutions (HEIs) to develop an ecosystem that instills resilience, encourages innovation, promotes sustainability and enables students and workforce to be enterprising to face the disruptive future. While the pandemic has already accelerated transformational change at the institutional level, it is important for other stakeholders including government to work towards making systemic changes and build the desired higher education system. Universities and HEIs should realign their short and long term goals and adopt innovative and disruptive approaches to transform the student experience and must act as an ‘engine’ for innovation and entrepreneurship and a ‘catalyst’ for sustainable development.</p> <p>While the onus is on the educators to accelerate the requisite changes on the ground, it is important that industry , government and society come together and reassess their roles in building a robust, resilient, and a student-centric futuristic education system.</p> <p><b>Chair and Moderator :</b> <i>Dr Rupamanjari Ghosh, Co-chair, FICCI Higher Education Committee and VC Shiv Nadar University</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Rishikesh T Krishnan</b>, Director, IIM-Bangalore</li> <li>• <b>Mr Francisco Marmolejo</b>, Education Advisor, Qatar Foundation</li> <li>• <b>Prof (Dr.) Sundar Manoharan</b>, DG, PDEU</li> <li>• <b>Mr Shailesh Haribhakti</b>, Strategic Advisory Board Member, IRM India &amp; Chairman, Shailesh Haribhakti &amp; Associates</li> <li>• <b>Mr Suchindra Kumar</b>, Associate Partner Consulting, EY</li> <li>• <b>Mr Raghav Gupta</b>, MD-India and APAC, Coursera</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
<b>12:30 pm -1:20 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>

<b>1:20 pm - 1:50 pm</b>	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Mr T V Mohandas Pai</b> , Chairman, Manipal Global Education Q&A ( 10 minutes) <i>Moderated by Dr Sekar Viswanathan, Co-chair FICCI HE Committee and VP-VIT University</i>	<b>AUDI-1</b>
<b>1:50 pm – 3:05 pm</b>	<b>Session 1: Future of Universities</b> The year 2020 has seen a paradigm shift in the higher education sector. With a rapid transition in the learner’s ability to shift to a 100% online mode, we now have a long-term opportunity to reinvent the traditional university learning experience. There will always be a need for a physical presence, for we are naturally social beings, but the future university could merge online learning with traditional campus learning. If we take the best practices we have learned from institutions that have successfully implemented blended learning programs, harness the knowledge base within our university system, and amplify the impact for our future generations of workers, this would be a true paradigm shift in higher education that would transform its trajectory for generations to come. The session will aim to discuss the changing role of the brick-and-mortar universities and how can this be best blended with technology, to be future ready. <b>Chair: Mr Amit Khare</b> , Secretary- HE, Ministry of Education, Gol* <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Subhasis Chaudhuri</b>, Director, IIT Bombay</li> <li>• <b>Mr Pramath Sinha</b>, Co-Founder and MD, Harappa Education</li> <li>• <b>Prof Simon Torney</b>, Dean, University of Bristol, UK</li> <li>• <b>Mr Venkat Sitaram</b>, General Manager &amp; Country Leader for Education Business, Dell</li> <li>• <b>Prof M Balakrishnan</b>, Professor, CSE Department, IIT Delhi</li> <li>• <b>Mr Omjiwan Gupta</b>, India Education Lead, Microsoft</li> </ul> <i>Moderated by: Dr Rajan Saxena, Advisor, FICCI Higher Education Committee and Founder, The Open-Ed Works</i> Q&A	
<b>3:05 pm – 3:15 pm</b>	<b>Tech Break</b>	

<b>3:15 pm – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Session 2 A : Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education</b> <b>AUDI-1</b>	<b>Session 2 B : Transformation in Higher Education - Risk Lens an inevitable imperative</b> <b>AUDI-2</b>
	<p>The recently released India's National Education Policy 2020 aims to attain the UN SDG 4 for 2030 development agenda: sustainable development, ensuring equitable and inclusive education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all. To build a higher education system that is accessible and inclusive, we need to address the regional, cultural, social, gender and socio-economic disparities. Universities and HEIs must ensure that teaching remains student-centric and cater to the diverse learner community. They must develop strategies to move towards social diversity, recognizing variations in access and adaptation to technology; cater to learning differences; support students in varied financial situations and provide health and wellness support to students.</p> <p>The session will entail deliberation on the effective implementation of policies and frameworks to equalize educational opportunities and outcomes and develop an inclusive higher education system in India.</p>	<p>The higher education sector is witnessing multi-dimensional technological, demographic and COVID-19 induced disruption which has exposed the sector to severe risks, be it with respect to digital infrastructure, faculty, students, curriculum, pedagogy, or the regulators. This environment of disruption requires leadership across Institutes to view all issues through a structured risk lens to successfully respond to the challenges on hand and evolve into world class institutions for the future.</p> <p>The session will aim to deliberate on the effective strategies that must be adopted to manage risks, especially in the rapidly transforming landscape.</p>
	<p><b>Chair : Dr D P Singh</b>, Chairman, UGC</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Manikrao Salunke</b>, VC, Bharti Vidyapeeth</li> <li>• <b>Dr Rajita Kulkarni</b>, President, Sri Sri University</li> <li>• <b>Prof Daniel Rycroft</b>, University of East Anglia, UK</li> <li>• <b>Prof Sonajharia Minz</b>, VC, Sido Kanhu Murmu University Dumka, Jharkhand</li> <li>• <b>Ms Linda Liu</b>, VP International, Collegeboard</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Dr Rajesh Tandon</b>, Founder President, PRIA &amp; Co-Chair, UNESCO Chair on Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education</p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Jenitha John</b>, Global Chairman of Board of IIA Inc., USA</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Ashis K Pani</b>, Dean, XLRI Jamshedpur</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Madhu Vij</b>, Academic Council Head &amp; President, GRMI and Former Faculty, FMS</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Leen Paape</b>, Prof Corporate Governance, Nyenrode Business University, The Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Prof Sabina Sudan</b>, Adjunct Professor, Nanyang Business School and the National University of Singapore</li> <li>• <b>Mr Rahul Bhatnagar</b>, Non-executive Board Member, Whirpool India, Sanofi, Akzo Nobel, Rossel India</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator : Mr Subhashis Nath</b>, Global Senior Partner at Enterprise Risk Consulting &amp;, Mentor, GRMI</p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>

4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Health Break	
4:45 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Session 3 : Integrating Skills within Higher Education Framework</b> <span style="float: right;">AUDI-1</span>	
	<p>India's working-age population will continue to increase through 2041, rising by 96.5 million during 2021-31 and by 41.5 million during 2031-41. Integrating skills within the higher education system holds the key in reaping the demographic dividend. The NEP 2020 suggests steps towards building a fully integrated vocational framework within the formal education system.</p> <p>Globalization and the new emerging technologies are changing the 'very nature of work' with skills such as flexibility, adaptability and lifelong learning being the imperative. The Universities and HEIs will play a critical role to propel our youth to acquire higher levels of technical and soft skills.</p> <p>Though many initiatives are being executed, there is an urgent need for concerted efforts from the various ministries and the other stakeholders, to integrate skills and vocational education in higher education. The session aims to present a roadmap for coherent execution that will expedite and scale up the progress to see a definite movement on the ground.</p>	
	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Alok Mishra</b>, Deputy Director General, NITI Aayog</li> <li>• <b>Prof Raj Nehru</b>, VC, Sri Vishwakarma University</li> <li>• <b>Dr Swati Mujumdar</b>, Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis Skills and Professional University, Pune</li> <li>• <b>Ms Anne Asensio</b>, Vice President-Design Experience, Dassault Systèmes</li> <li>• <b>Mr Robin Bhowmik</b>, Chief Business Officer, Manipal Global Education</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator : Ms Nandita Abraham</b>, President, Pearl Academy</p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>	
6:00 pm – 6:45pm	Break	
6:45 pm – 7:45 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards	AUDI-2

Day 2 – February 26, 2021		
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Keynote Address: ‘Online Higher Education: Changing Imperatives’</b> <b>Prof Michael Crow</b> , President, Arizona State University <b>Q&amp;A (10 minutes)</b> <i>Moderated by Dr Rajan Saxena, Advisor , FICCI HE Committee and Founder , The Open-Ed Networks</i>	AUDI-1
10:30 am – 11:00 am	<b>Ministerial Session</b> <b>Shri Piyush Goyal</b> , Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways and Consumer affairs, Food and Public distribution, Government of India * <b>Q&amp;A (10 minutes)</b> <i>Moderated by Dr Vidya Yeravdekar, Chair- FICCI HE committee and Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis International University</i>	AUDI-1
11:00am– 12:15 pm	<b>Session 4: Building a Global Higher Education Ecosystem</b>	AUDI-1
	<p>In the recent few years, India’s education sector has been impacted by the rapidly globalizing economy. With the largest Higher Education institutions, a demographic advantage of around 672 million working-age population, the focus is to create an education ecosystem which is not just best ‘in’ the world, but best ‘for’ the world.</p> <p>The recent lockdown situation has restricted mobility and disrupted the partnership and engagement models. As the higher education landscape changes and attempts to provide the same level of teaching as before COVID-19, the need for global solidarity in higher education has become more important than ever. The focus on collaborative research, transferable knowledge, faculty and student collaborations through digital technologies has prompted us to redefine the process of integrating international dimensions within India’s education system. There is a unique opportunity for universities to redesign the way that institutions think about partnerships.</p> <p>The session will aim to review the existing initiatives and discuss new models that can help the higher education sector to build and sustain robust international collaborations.</p> <p><b>Chair and Moderator: Dr Vidya Yeravdekar</b>, Chair- FICCI Higher Education committee and Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis International University</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Darpan Jain</b>, JS, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GoI*</li> <li>• <b>Dr Manju Singh</b>,</li> <li>• <b>Dr Pankaj Mittal</b>, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities</li> <li>• <b>Ms Nina Arnhold</b>, Lead Education Specialist, South Asia, World Bank Group</li> <li>• <b>Dr Nicolas Patrici</b>, Director, OBREAL-Global Network</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>	
12:15 pm – 12:25 pm	Break	

<p><b>12:25 pm– 1:40 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Session 5 A: New Financing Models in Higher Education</b> <b>AUDI-1</b></p>	<p><b>Session 5 B: Digital Education: What's next?</b> <b>AUDI-2</b></p>
	<p>The private HEIs derive almost 85-90% of their income from tuition fees and other academic receipts, while public universities are majorly supported by government funds. The government has started to provide more autonomy to Indian Higher Education Institutions and is pushing them to become more self-sustainable.</p> <p>There is a clear demand to formulate strategies for innovative sources of fund to meet the targeted GER and at the same time enhance quality of Higher Education Institutions. It is time that higher education institutions are allowed to channel the surplus funds existing in the system by investing in wider asset classes.</p> <p>The session will aim to trigger discussion amongst policy makers and thought leaders within higher education space to devise solutions, open avenues for innovative financing and thereby unlock the growth potential of HEIs in India.</p>	<p>Digital Education must address the critical issues of quality, accessibility, and learnability of students. It must also focus on the new age technologies like AI, IoT, Blockchain, AR/VR etc to be included in the curriculum and utilizing these technologies to better improve the university experience. Universities and HEIs need to be cognizant of the needs of the future learner and gear up to adopt technology solutions, to address the current issues and prepare for the future. They must ensure that an appropriate infrastructure is put in place, that learning spaces are modified to support new teaching methodologies and that teaching staff are trained to use technology effectively.</p> <p>The session will aim to understand the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to effectively integrate new technologies for education delivery within the regulatory framework</li> <li>• How to ensure availability &amp; scalability of digital infrastructure</li> <li>• How to prepare students for the Industry 4.0 and beyond</li> </ul>
<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Sekar Viswanathan</b>, Vice President, VIT University</li> <li>• <b>Mr Sanjay Padode</b> President, IFIM and Chancellor, Vijay Bhoomi University</li> <li>• <b>Ms Shweta Rajpal Kohli</b>, Head- Public Policy, Sequioa Capital</li> <li>• <b>Mr Ajay Bohora</b>, Co-founder, HDFC Credila Financial Services</li> <li>• <b>Mr Raghwendra Pande</b>, Senior VP, ICICI Securities</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Mr Anand Sudarshan</b>, Founder, Sylvant Advisors Q&amp;A</p>	<p><b>Chair : Mr Jayesh Ranjan</b>, Principal Secretary- I&amp;C and IT, Government of Telangana</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Ajit Chaturvedi</b>, Director, IIT Roorkee</li> <li>• <b>Mr Maneesh Sharma</b>, India head, GitHub</li> <li>• <b>Mr Krishna Kumar</b>, CEO, SimpliLearn</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Mr Ravi Panchanadan</b>, MD &amp; CEO, Manipal Global Education Ltd. Q&amp;A</p>	



1:40 pm – 2:10 pm	Lunch Break	
2:10 pm – 2:40 pm	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Dr Subra Suresh</b> , President, Nanyang Technical University (NTU), Singapore Q&A (10 minutes) <i>Moderated By Dr Rupamanjari Ghosh, Co-chair, FICCI Higher Education Committee and VC Shiv Nadar University</i>	
2:40 pm – 3:55 pm	<b>Session 6: Developing Research Ecosystem: Role of Universities</b> To emerge as a Knowledge Economy, education and research must remain India's top priority. In India, publicly funded research is concentrated in specialized research institutes under different government departments. Universities play a relatively small role in the research activities of the country. This contrasts with the scenario in advanced countries where universities play a critical role in creating the talent pool for research and generating high quality research. There is a critical need for Universities to become research-powerhouses and expose students to research, providing them with training in research-oriented scientific thought to address societal and industrial needs. Universities must create a robust partnership with the Industry to translate the knowledge into applications, while at the same time, continue to generate new knowledge through basic/fundamental research. The session will aim to create a roadmap for Universities to become pioneers in research- both basic and applied and adopt best practices to create avenues for partnerships and funding for research.  <b>Chair: Prof Anil Sahasrabudhe</b> , Chairman, AICTE <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Krishna N Ganesh</b>, Director, IISER Tirupati</li> <li>• <b>Prof Robin Mason</b>, Pro-VC, University of Birmingham</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Sanjay Zodpe</b>, VP - Academics, Public Health Foundation of India</li> <li>• <b>Prof Souvik Bhattacharya</b>, VC, BITS Pilani</li> <li>• <b>Mr Ian Moss</b>, CEO, STM</li> </ul> <i>Moderator: Prof Pankaj Jalote, Distinguished Professor and Founding Director, IIT-Delhi</i> Q&A	
3:55 pm – 4:00 pm	Health Break	

<p><b>4:00 pm - 5:15 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Session 7 : Quality Benchmarking: The Fulcrum of Higher Education Reforms</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>AUDI-1</b></span></p> <p>The higher education sector in India is the largest in the world in terms of number of institutions and has a complex tiered structure comprising of university, college and stand-alone institutions. The regulatory framework of this sector is also multi-layered.</p> <p>To meet the needs of a 21st century higher education ecosystem, there is a felt need to develop a culture of innovation and self-regulation, as a response to changes in the learning environment and changing student expectations.</p> <p>With this objective, the recently released NEP2020 proposes to move away from ‘one size fits all’ approach of regulation and develop outcome- based accreditation and rating framework with regulations at arm’s length in order to facilitate autonomous institutions.</p> <p>The session will aim to discuss the implementation strategies, adopting global best practices, to address the sectoral challenges.</p> <p><b>Chair: Prof V S Chauhan</b>, Chairman, NAAC</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof N V Varghese</b>, Vice Chancellor, NIEPA</li> <li>• <b>Dr Mercedes Siles Molina</b>, Director, ANECA</li> <li>• <b>Mr Ashwin Fernandes</b>, CEO, QS IGUAGE Rating</li> <li>• <b>Prof Furqan Qamar</b>, Professor, Jamia Milia Islamia</li> <li>• <b>Ms Amy Memon</b>, Manager, Accreditation Services (Asia-Pacific), AACSB International</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Dr Sandeep Sancheti, former VC, SRM Institute of Science and Technology</i></p>
<p><b>5:15 pm – 5:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Concluding Session</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>AUDI-1</b></span></p> <p><b>Dr Vidya Yeravdekar</b>, Chair- FICCI Higher Education committee and Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis International University</p> <p><b>Dr Rupamanjari Ghosh</b>, Co-chair- FICCI Higher Education committee and Vice Chancellor, Shiv Nadar University</p> <p><b>Dr Sekar Viswanathan</b>, Co-chair- FICCI Higher Education committee and Vice President, VIT University</p>
<p><b>Day 3: February 27,2021</b></p>	<p><b>Exhibition and B2B meetings continue</b></p>