



CONCEPT NOTE

The Indian School of Business (ISB) is organising a Higher Education Conclave on "*Revisiting Higher Education in India: Global, Local and Digital Imperatives*" in partnership with NITI Aayog. The objective of the conclave is to deliberate upon and design a roadmap for the value-chain of higher education delivery in India by connecting its global, local, and digital aspects in the backdrop of the new paradigms in higher education.

The world is undergoing a significant and unprecedented technological disruption, hastened, no doubt, by the Covid-19 pandemic. The effects of these twin shocks are especially evident in the education sector in India and beyond. The current era, for instance, requires its workforce to be at ease with technologies like automation, artificial intelligence, robotics, and new business architectures, and also skilled in 'softer' competencies like critical thinking, risk management and the ability to deal with uncertainties.

Even though India has a robust education and skilling ecosystem with multiple government and private players, how successful is it in filling skill gaps? How do we begin to create robust bridges between students and the job market? It is critically important to take stock of these questions, especially in the context of current disruptions, and revisit the Indian higher education system.

In the fast-changing education access and delivery landscape, the National Education Policy (NEP) comes at the right time. NEP predicts changes in the job market, seeks to broaden the scope of education offered at different levels (envisaging, for instance, entrepreneurship as a key focus area to strengthen innovation among students) and acknowledges issues of equitability, inclusivity, and accessibility — all ingredients required for transforming job seekers into future-ready human capital.

ISB has been assisting in some of these efforts through its partnerships with the central and various state governments to design and deliver an array of targeted skilling and training programmes to different demographics. In the context of these efforts and goals, we propose a dialogue on higher education in India, which we believe can be best achieved by connecting local, global, and digital perspectives.



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Proposed schedule

Time	Session theme	Speakers
January 20, 2022		
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Keynote address by Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog on The Role of Academia for Grassroots Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog • Chair – Dean Madan Pillutla
4.30 pm – 5.30 pm	<p>Panel - The Future of Education: Transformation and Disruptions</p> <p>Discussions to be centred around how India can turn contemporary challenges into opportunities to broaden the reach and scope of education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean Madan Pillutla • Prof Rishiksha T Krishnan, Director, IIMB • Professor Rudra Pratap, VC, Plaksha University • Professor Neharika Vohra, VC, Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University • Professor Sudhir Krishnaswamy, VC, NLSIU



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January 27, 2022		
3.45 pm – 4.30 pm	Keynote address on <i>Indianising Indian Thought.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Krishnamurthy Subramanian, Professor of Finance, ISB and former Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India
4.30 pm – 5.30 pm	<p>Panel - Skills for the post-pandemic world.</p> <p>Discussions to be centred around how India must strengthen its focus on skilling programmes to create a workforce that excels in the post-pandemic world.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Deepa Mani, Deputy Dean and Professor of Information Systems, ISB • Navin Mittal, IAS, Commissioner, Collegiate Education & Technical Education, Government of Telangana • Ved Mani Tripathi, COO, National Skills Development Corporation • Mohan Kannegal, CEO – India and APAC, Eruditus
5.30 pm – 6.30 pm	<p>Panel - Connecting Campuses to Entrepreneurship</p> <p>Discussions to be centred around how new and innovative pedagogical methods can translate into enhanced critical and independent thinking skills among India's youth — and how these can drive students' entrepreneurial spirit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Bhagwan Chowdhry, Faculty Director I-Venture@ISB and Professor of Finance, ISB • Hemang Jani, Secretary, Capacity Building Commission • Pramod Bhasin, Chairman, Punjab Innovation Mission
6.30 pm – 7.00 pm	Valedictory keynote address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Member of Parliament President, ICCR and Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education