



# 18<sup>th</sup> FICCI HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT 2023

## Global Conference & Exhibition

***“Empowering Minds, Driving Transformation: Redefining the Future of Higher Education”***

**Venue: Bhim Hall, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre  
15, Janpath Rd, Windsor Place, New Delhi – 110001**

**November 29 - 30, 2023**

**(Entry from Gate 01)**

### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

#### Day 1, November 29, 2023 (Wednesday)

09:00 am – 10:00 am	Registration
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Inaugural Session
10:00 am – 10:10 am	<b>Welcome Address</b> <b>Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar</b> , Chair FICCI Higher Education Committee & Pro-chancellor, Symbiosis International University
10:10 am – 10:20 am	<b>Special Address</b> <b>Mr. Ashutosh Gupta</b> , Country Manager, LinkedIn India
10:20 am – 10:30 am	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Mr. Shailesh K. Pathak</b> , Secretary General, FICCI
10:30 am – 10:35 am	Release of FICCI EY Knowledge Report 2023
10:35 am – 10:50 am	<b>Inaugural Address</b> <b>Shri B.V.R Subrahmanyam</b> , CEO, NITI Aayog
10:50 am – 10:55 am	<b>Vote of Thanks</b> <b>Prof. Souvik Bhattacharyya</b> , Co-Chair, FICCI Higher Education Committee and Senior Vice President, TCG Crest
10:55 am – 11:15 am	Inauguration of Exhibition
11:15 am – 12:00 noon	Tea Break

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm	<b>Panel Discussion 1</b>  <b>Advancing the Global Agenda: Universities as Key Partners in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals</b>  This session will underscore the vital role universities play in driving positive change and progress towards SDGs on a global scale. As essential partners in the pursuit of the UN-SDGs, universities lead with innovative research, empower students to address pressing challenges, and collaborate with diverse stakeholders to create impactful solutions. HEIs act as catalysts for transformation, and play a pivotal role in addressing social, economic, and
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	<p>environmental issues on a global scale and shaping a better future for all. The session will aim to deliberate on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can universities effectively align their teaching, research, and community engagement efforts with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? What innovative approaches have institutions taken to integrate sustainability across disciplines?</li> <li>• Research and innovation are vital components of achieving the SDGs. How can universities drive interdisciplinary research collaborations and technological advancements to address complex societal and environmental issues?</li> <li>• Collaboration and partnerships are essential for achieving the SDGs. How can higher education institutions collaborate with governments, NGOs, industries, and local communities to foster global citizenship and create holistic and impactful solutions to global challenges?</li> </ul>
<p><b>12: 00 noon – 12:10 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation on FICCI EY Knowledge Report 2023</b> <b>Dr. Avantika Tomar, Partner, EY-Parthenon</b></p>
<p><b>12:10 pm – 1:30 pm</b></p> <p><i>(Each panelist will be given 7-8 minutes time slot to speak)</i></p>	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lt. Gen. (Dr.) M. D. Venkatesh</b>, Vice Chancellor, Manipal Academy of Higher Education</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Dev Swarup</b>, Vice Chancellor, Baba Amte Divyang University</li> <li>• <b>The Hon Mr. Will Hodgman</b>, Adjunct Professor, College of Arts, Law &amp; Education, University of Tasmania</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Raghav Gupta</b>, MD India &amp; Asia Pacific, Coursera</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Noopur Jhunjunwala</b>, Trustee and Co-founder, Changeinkk</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Anand Sudarshan</b>, Founder &amp; Director, Sylvant Advisors Private Limited</p> <p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
<p><b>1:30 pm – 2:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
<p><b>2:30 pm - 3:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion 2</b></p>
	<p><b>Nurturing Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Higher Education's Role in Driving Disruption and Fostering Creativity</b></p> <p>Higher education institutions play a pivotal role in fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among students, achieved through focused research and exploration. By encouraging disruptive thinking and providing practical tools, these institutions empower aspiring entrepreneurs to transform imaginative concepts into impactful solutions, reshaping industries and driving societal progress. The session will deliberate on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can HEIs cultivate a culture of experiential learning, innovation and entrepreneurship among students, faculty, and researchers? What role does this culture play in driving economic growth and societal advancement?</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What educational strategies can universities implement to empower students with the skills, mindset, and knowledge needed to foster creativity and become successful entrepreneurs and innovative thinkers?</li> <li>• What support systems can universities establish to nurture startup ventures and entrepreneurial initiatives within their communities for job creation and development of regional innovation ecosystems?</li> </ul>
<p><b>2:30 pm - 3:45 pm</b></p> <p><i>(Each panelist will be given 7-8 minutes time slot to speak)</i></p>	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Rangan Banerjee</b>, Director, IIT Delhi</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Atul Khosla</b>, Vice Chancellor, Shoolini University</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Pavel Kuzmin</b>, Deputy Director for Academic Affairs and Digital Transformation, HSE University St. Petersburg</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Bhaskar Roy</b>, Global Operation Leader, Data-Tec-AI, Genpact</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Nishit Jain</b>, Special Advisor-Asia, EFMD</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Prof. Souvik Bhattacharyya</b>, Co-Chair, FICCI Higher Education Committee and Senior Vice President, TCG Crest</p> <p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
<p><b>3:45 pm – 4:15 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Tea Break</b></p>
<p><b>4:15 pm – 5:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion 3</b></p>
	<p><b>Globalizing Higher Education: A Perspective from the Global South</b></p> <p>The Global South stands as a pivotal force in shaping the contemporary global landscape. Comprising diverse and dynamic economies, cultures, and societies, this region plays a crucial role in redefining the paradigms of development, innovation, and international relations. India, nestled within the intricate fabric of the Global South, emerges as a prominent participant, contributing to and drawing from the region's collective potential.</p> <p>This panel discussion aims to provide unique insights into the process of internationalizing higher education, particularly from the perspectives of the Global South and India. The conversation will delve into strategies for enhancing international engagement, exchange programs, research partnerships, and cultural interactions, thereby shaping a comprehensive vision for internationalization tailored to the unique needs of these regions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What innovative models of collaboration can be crafted that truly serve development needs and challenges like equitable partnerships, brain drain concerns, and cultural differences?</li> <li>• What role India can play in internationalization of higher education in the Global South? With key focus on enhanced student mobility, nurturing equitable partnerships, driving research for sustainable development, and preparing students for a globalized world.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can HEIs from Global South regions actively engage in shaping global academic discourse and research agenda?</li> <li>What will be the role of existing Higher education networks in the region to address the unique challenges and opportunities faced by countries in the Global South?</li> </ul>
<p><b>4:15 pm – 5:45 pm</b></p> <p><i>(Each panelist will be given 7-8 minutes time slot to speak)</i></p>	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Smt. Neeta Prasad</b>, Joint Secretary (P &amp; ICC), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India</li> <li><b>Prof. Anil Kashyap</b>, President &amp; Chancellor, NICMAR University, Pune</li> <li><b>Dr. B. Chandrasekar</b>, Executive Director (Corporate Planning), EdCIL</li> <li><b>Dr. Agnes Atim Apea</b>, Member of Parliament, Uganda &amp; Social Entrepreneur</li> <li><b>Mr. Hersh Shah</b>, CEO, Institute of Risk Management - India Affiliate</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar</b>, Chair, FICCI Higher Education Committee &amp; Pro-chancellor, Symbiosis International University</p> <p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
<b>5:45 pm onwards</b>	<b>Networking Break over Tea</b>
<b>7:15 pm onwards</b>	<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards 2023</b></p> <p>Venue: Bhim Hall, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi</p>

## Day 2, November 30, 2023 (Thursday)

<b>9:00 am – 10:30 am</b>	<b>B2B Meetings</b>
<b>10:30 am – 10:45 am</b>	<p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <p><b>Shri. K. Sanjay Murthy</b>, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India</p>
<b>10:45 am – 12:00 noon</b>	<b>Panel Discussion 4</b>
	<p><b>Edtech Revolution in India: Driving Accessibility, Quality, and Affordability</b></p> <p>The EdTech revolution in India is reshaping the education landscape by revolutionizing accessibility, enhancing quality, and increasing affordability. Through digital learning platforms, students from all corners of the country gain access to diverse educational resources. As EdTech evolves, it promises to play a pivotal role in empowering learners and transforming the future of education in India. This session will aim to deliberate on the following questions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How has the proliferation of edtech platforms in India contributed to increasing accessibility to education, especially in remote and underserved areas? What are the challenges and opportunities associated with bridging the digital divide?</li> <li>How can edtech solutions help in providing quality education at a lower cost? What are the strategies to ensure affordability without compromising on quality?</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What role can universities play in preparing students for an AI world?</li> <li>• How can collaborations between edtech companies, educational institutions, and regulatory bodies shape the future of edtech in India?</li> <li>• What role do data analytics and AI-powered tools play in personalizing learning experiences and addressing individual learning needs?</li> </ul>
<p><b>10:45 am – 12:00 noon</b></p> <p><i>(Each panelist will be given 7-8 minutes time slot to speak)</i></p>	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Anish Srikrishna</b>, CEO, TimesPro</li> <li>• <b>Prof. (Dr.) G. K. Prabhu</b>, President, Manipal University Jaipur</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Guruswami Ravichandran</b>, Provost, Jio Institute</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Pawan Kumar Sharma</b>, CGM, (DES), EdCIL</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Hemant Sahal</b>, Founder &amp; CEO, Digii (formerly Collpoll)</p> <p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
<p><b>12:00 noon – 12:15 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Tea Break</b></p>
<p><b>12:15 pm – 1:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion 5</b></p>
	<p><b>Cultivating Resilience: Pioneering Risk Management Strategies for Higher Education Institutions</b></p> <p>Amidst an increasingly intricate and uncertain global landscape, Higher Education Institutions must fortify their foundations to effectively manage risks and navigate constant changes. This session will focus on the vital significance of embracing innovative approaches in addressing the risks that higher education institutions inevitably encounter. It delves into the proactive identification, deep assessment, and strategic handling of potential challenges, placing a strong emphasis on the imperative to cultivate robust frameworks which empower institutions not only to weather disruptions but also to discern opportunities amidst adversity. The session will deliberate on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can higher education institutions develop a comprehensive risk assessment framework to identify potential threats, vulnerabilities, and opportunities? What data-driven approaches can be employed to prioritize risks and allocate resources effectively?</li> <li>• In what ways can universities foster a culture of resilience among students, faculty, and staff? How can institutions equip their communities with the skills and mindset needed to adapt to unexpected disruptions and changes?</li> <li>• Collaborative partnerships with industry, government, and other stakeholders can play a pivotal role in risk management. How can higher education institutions engage in strategic partnerships to share best practices, resources, and expertise in managing various risks?</li> </ul>



<p><b>12:15 pm – 1:30 pm</b></p> <p><i>(Each panelist will be given 7-8 minutes time slot to speak)</i></p>	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao</b>, Vice Chancellor, BITS Pilani</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Alessandro Giuliani</b>, Managing Director, SDA Bocconi Asia Center</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Nishtha Khurana</b>, Director, Governance, Risk and Operations at Grant Thornton Bharat LLP</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Debashis Sanyal</b>, Director, Great Lakes Institute of Management</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Sunder Natarajan</b>, Governance Board Member of Institute of Risk Management - India Affiliate</p> <p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
<p><b>1:30 pm – 2:15 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
<p><b>2:15 pm - 2:30 pm</b></p> <p><i>(Each speaker will be given 7-8 minutes time slot to speak)</i></p>	<p><b>Special Address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal</b>, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), Govt. of India</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Padmakumar Nair</b>, Director, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology</li> </ul>
<p><b>2:30 pm - 3:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion 6</b></p>
	<p><b>Empowering Excellence: The Role of Quality Assurance, Accreditation &amp; Benchmarking in Higher Education</b></p> <p>Quality Assurance, Accreditation, and Benchmarking ensure high academic standards, accountability, and continuous improvement. Quality assurance helps set rigorous standards, Accreditation helps build trust and Benchmarking allows universities to measure performance and foster improvement. Together, these mechanisms empower HEIs to deliver transformative and impactful education. This session will deliberate to find answers to the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the key criteria and standards used in quality assurance and accreditation processes? How can institutions effectively align their programs, teaching methods, and research activities with these benchmarks?</li> <li>• Why is quality assurance, accreditation, and benchmarking essential for ensuring high standards of education in higher education institutions? How do these processes contribute to improving learning outcomes and student experiences?</li> <li>• In a globalized education landscape, how can international benchmarking and accreditation play a role in elevating the reputation and competitiveness of institutions? How can institutions balance local relevance with international standards?</li> </ul>
<p><b>2:30 pm - 3:45 pm</b></p> <p><i>(Each panelist will be given 7-8 minutes time slot to speak)</i></p>	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Mathew Johnston</b>, Minister-Counsellor (Education and Research), Australian Government Department of Education, Australian High Commission, New Delhi</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Raghu Raman</b>, Dean, Amrita School of Business &amp; Director, Center for Research in Analytics &amp; Technologies for Education, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham</li> <li>• <b>Prof. (Dr.) Nagajyothi Koripella</b>, Director, Research and Development, BEST Innovation University</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Tripti Waghmare</b>, Executive Director (Academic Excellence), Quality Assurance, Datta Meghe Institute of Higher Education &amp; Research (DMIHER)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Dr. Ashwin Fernandes</b>, Regional Director for QS Middle East, Africa &amp; South Asia; CEO for QS IGAUGE Rating System</p> <p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Tea Break
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Panel Discussion 7
	<p><b>Institutional Social Responsibility: Aligning Values with Actions</b></p> <p>This panel discussion will seek to unravel the multifaceted responsibilities of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) that extend far beyond their traditional role in classrooms. It will delve into how HEIs are actively shaping an ideal society for future generations. Experts in the session will seek to underscore the imperative for HEIs to go beyond academia, focusing on creating inclusive and diverse campus environments that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion among students, faculty, and staff. The panel will also discuss the profound responsibility of these institutions to engage in environmental stewardship, exploring sustainable practices, eco-friendly curricula, and cutting-edge sustainability research. The session will aim to deliberate on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlight the pivotal role of ethical leadership, governance, administrators, and boards in HEIs in upholding ethical standards and fostering a culture of integrity.</li> <li>• Explore critical role of HEIs in preparing students for active citizenship through service-learning, civic education, and cross-cultural competence and conducting research for impact that seek to address the most pressing challenges being faced by our society.</li> <li>• What strategies and frameworks are to be adopted by the Institutions to ensure that their actions align with their stated values and principles when it comes to social responsibility? What needs to be done to translate the organizational values into actionable ISR initiatives and practices?</li> </ul>
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm  (Each panelist will be given 7-8 minutes time slot to speak)	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. T. Sasipraba</b>, Vice Chancellor, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Ram Sharma</b>, Vice Chancellor and Chairperson, Board of Management, UPES</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Vishal Talwar</b>, Director, IMT Ghaziabad</li> </ul>





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Ramakrishnan Raman</b>, Vice Chancellor, Symbiosis International University</li><li>• <b>Dr. Ranjan Bose</b>, Director, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi</li><li>• <b>Mr. Richard McCallum</b>, Group CEO, UK India Business Council</li><li>• <b>Dr. Nidhi Pundhir</b>, Vice President, Global CSR &amp; Director, HCL Foundation</li></ul> <p><b>Moderator: Dr. Rajita Kulkarni</b>, President, Sri Sri University</p> <p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
<b>5:15 pm – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Concluding Session</b>