



14th NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCHAM SUMMIT 2021: NEP 2020 Transforming Educational Landscape of the Nation and Carving a Road Map for Implementation February 18-20, 2021

The 14th National Education Summit 2021 was organized by ASSOCHAM from February 18-20, 2021 through the virtual mode. 'National Education Policy 2020 – Transforming Educational Landscape of the Nation and Carving a Road Map for Implementation. More than 300 delegates from industry and academia participated in this event.

The third panel of this informative summit was moderated by **Dr. Jitendra Das, Director, FORE School of Management, New Delhi**. “*Researching Quality Assurance in Higher Education – Accreditation and Ranking Universities*” was the motion under consideration for this panel.



Dr. Jitendra K Das, speaking in the event

Keeping in line with the theme of the session, the focus of the conversation rested on the role of research and accreditation in academia, especially with regards to the Indian scenario. **Dr Das** opened the session with his take on the agenda in motion, wherein he emphasized the importance of research publications.

He started his address by stating that globally, India ranks third in Scientific Publications, albeit this rank is based on the number of research publications and not their respective qualities. The United States of America and China are the only two higher-ranked countries than India in this criterion.

However, the debate still comes down to the quality of the publications, which is an important consideration that all educational institutes can look to improve. To further accentuate his point, he presented the example of **FORE School of Management, New Delhi**, a B-school that provides lucrative incentives to its faculty members to conduct successful research and publish them.

Concluding his views, **Dr. Das** stated that harnessing opportunities for high-quality research will aid students to progress in their academic life and earn worldwide respect as well.

Thereafter, the panel was open for discussion wherein the respected speakers presented their perspectives on the said theme. The discourse of the panel followed a question-answer pattern wherein **Dr. Das** put forth pertinent questions related to the implementation of the NEP and its impacts on research quality and accreditation. Some of the questions were also directed from the perspective of a management school.

Apart from **Dr. Das**, many educational stalwarts were part of this forum. These included:

Mr. Sanjay Padode, Chairman, Centre for Development and Education, IFIM,

Prof Govind Prasad Sharma, Chairman, National Book Trust of India,

Dr Ashwin Fernandes, CEO, QS I-GUAGE,

Prof (Dr) Raj Singh, Vice Chancellor, Jain (Deemed to be University),

Dr Victor Gambhir, President, JECRC University, and

Dr. Nirmal Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Bhagwan Mahaveer University.

Dr Gopal Krishna Joshi, Executive Director & Member Secretary, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Government of Karnataka was the Guest of Honour on this prestigious panel.