

ASSOCHAM Knowledge Summit on New Age Education: Adapting and Delivering Quality Education despite the Challenges

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ASSOCHAM has organized a Virtual Summit on Knowledge Management on August 13, 2021. The theme of the summit was 'New Age Education: Adapting and delivering quality education despite the challenges'. **Dr. Jitendra K. Das, Director**, FORE School of Management, New Delhi who was earlier associated with IIM Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Kozhikode and was the founder Dean, Noida Campus of IIM Lucknow was a speaker in the Inaugural Session and also a Session Moderator in the Session I. The programme was attended by more than 250 participants.

Mr. Bharat Jaiswal, Regional Director at ASSOCHAM, welcomed **Dr. Jitendra K. Das** and other eminent panelists. He set the tone of the deliberation by stating how the education system has to adopt the digital revolution which is the need of the hour. Speaking about technologies which have become a critical component for new age education, **Dr. Das** said that institutes need to adopt smarter capabilities towards enabling effective delivery of education in the era of virtual classrooms and ensure inclusivity on a larger scale where students are deprived of learning. "Online or offline learning has to continue," he said.



Dr. Jitendra Das addressing the esteemed dignitaries during ASSOCHAM Summit.

On this occasion, Dr. Das said "Having a tech-ecosystem in place continues to be a crying need. Use of the powerful but commonplace technologies that exist outside brick and mortar, chalk and duster classrooms, augmenting teaching and making learning accessible to students at a larger

societal level is an absolute must. “We are very sensitive when it comes to delivering education to our students. Since we are in higher education, the methodology is very different from the level of education imparted in K-12 schools”, he said.

Further he highlighted the plight of children in primary schools and indicated the long hours of screen time, where kids are made to sit online for 4-6 hours daily and parents are also kept engaged to assist the kids. Incidentally, the curriculum, pedagogy and assessments were embedded in the new teaching methodology by FORE School of management quickly enough to ensure that students are not impacted by the virtual classroom methodology.

Adding to the training needs for teachers in online mode, Dr. Das said, “The role of ‘eye contact’ between a teacher and student assists teachers to understand the student better. Whereas, in a virtual classroom this has been a challenge teachers are grappling with”. Citing the problem of remote proctoring during online examinations, Dr. Das said, “Unlike the Gurukul education format where students were not graded based on marks or scores, the modern day education system is based on marks. With help from technology, the system for evaluation has to undergo a shift and ensure a fair practice for the assessments”.

Apart from Mr. Bharat Jaiswal, Regional Director at ASSOCHAM; **Dr Jitendra K. Das** was accompanied by the following prominent panelists during the session:

- **Mr. Manu Seth**, CEO, Speaking Mindz;
- **Ms. Vibha Singh**, Director at Mere Nanhe Kadam;
Mr. Mukesh Sinha, Co-Founder Gravitas AI;
- **Ms. Jyoti Tiwari**, CEO Ingenious Minds;
Ms. Archana Garg, International Partner WBAF

After the Questions and Answers from audience, Dr. Das has summarised and concluded the session.