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"International Workshop on Accreditation: The Way Forward"
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A Report

The two day international conference brought global accreditation organizations and their counterparts in India on the same platform to discuss the way forward in benchmarking the Indian business and technical education to global level. The conference provided ample scope for the Indian educational institution leaders to interact with the global education quality experts to clarify their doubts and also to formulate their plans for scaling up quality to benchmark with the best.

Internationalization of Indian Higher Education has brought out new opportunities for maintaining quality in terms of teaching, research, curriculum, design, pedagogy, faculty development and students' progression. Technological innovations in teaching and learning are now focus of attention.

It has also become essential for the Institutes to attract the international faculty, students, develop a transparent admission process, credit acceptance, credit transfer and providing physical infrastructure and facilities suited to attract international students. There is also an urgent need to align the curriculum and pedagogy suited to the multicultural global world owing to the drastic shift in expectations from the rapidly globalising corporates.

Promoting India as an Education Hub would mean moving towards accreditation. India is already committed to passing a Bill on Accreditation making it mandatory for all education institutions. Apart from the education providers, even the industry and social groups are keen to understand the winds of change taking place around the world in shaping human resource talent to taken on the challenge of change. Any opportunity to learn about global benchmarks for education quality would be an equally significant learning experience for this segment as well.

While India has its own publicly owned accreditation bodies like NAAC (National Accreditation and Assessment Council) under the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the National Accreditation Board (NBA) under the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Major international players in accreditation include AACSB (Previously the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business) which is the main Accrediting organization for American MBAs, Association of MBAs (AMBA) which accredits only the programmes and not the school, (The European Quality Improvement System EQUIS, and IACBE (International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education).

In the way forward, India may also spawn a number of independent globally benchmarked accreditation bodies at the national and regional levels promoted by professional bodies, industry associations and governments at the state.

DAY - 1		
Session	Subject	Speaker
9.30 to 10.25 am	Registration	
Inaugural Session 10.30am to 11.30am	Welcome Address	Dr. N. M. Kondap, Vice Chancellor
	Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker	Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India
	Guest of Honour	Prof Sukhdev Thorat, Chairman, UGC
	Guest of Honour	Prof R. A. Yadav, Acting Chairman AICTE
Technical Session I 11.45 to 01.45pm	In Chair	Dr. A.H. Kalro, Director, AES Institute of Business Management, Ahmedabad
	AACSB – Eligibility, Processes & Timelines	Dr. Neal Mero, Vice President, Research, AACSB
	AMBA - Eligibility, Processes & Timelines	Dr. Robert Owen, Director, Accreditation & Business School Services, AMBA & Prof Mark Stoddard, AMBA
	AMBA Experience & Learning	Dr. Pritam Singh, Prof of Eminence, MDI, Gurgaon
	AACSB Experience & Learning	Dr Panduranga Rao, Chief Academic Advisor, ICFAI, Hyderabad
Technical Session II 02.30 to 04.00 pm	In Chair	Dr. M. Rama Rao, Dean, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad
	SAQS - Eligibility, Processes & Timelines	Dr. Syed Zahoor Hassan, Vice Chancellor Lahore University of Mgmt. Sciences, Lahore
	EQUIS - Eligibility, Processes & Timelines	Prof. Jim Herbolich, Director, Network Services Department, EFMD, Belgium
Technical Session III 04.30 to 06.00 pm	In Chair	Prof Y. K. Bhushan, Senior Advisor & Head, ICFAI Business School, Mumbai & Vice Chancellor, ICFAI University, Meghalaya.
	NAAC	Prof. V. S. Prasad, Director, NAAC
	NBA	Prof. D. Nagabrahmam, Director, TAPMI, Manipal
DAY - 2		
Session	Subject	Speaker
Technical session I 9.00 to 11.00 am Accreditation Processes & Experience Sharing	In Chair	Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, (IMT), Ghaziabad
	International Experiences	Prof Bijoy Sahoo Vice Chancellor, North Carolina University USA
		Prof Mark Thomas Associate Dean for International Affairs Grenoble Ecole de Management France
		Dr. Gail K. Naughton, Dean, College of Business Administration San Diego State University USA
Technical Session II 11.30 to 01.00 pm Accreditation Processes & Experience Sharing	In Chair	Dr. A. K. Sengupta, Director, SIESCOM, Mumbai
	IACBE (International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education)	Dr. Madhukar, David M. French Distinguished Professor of Marketing, University of Michigan-Flint, USA; and Honorary Dean, Alliance Business School, Bangalore
	Indian Experience	Dr. R. Nandagopal, Director, PSG Institute of Management, Coimbatore
Concluding Session 1.00 to 1.30 pm	Summary of Workshop & Takeaways	Dr. Bindi Mehta, Chairperson Research & Publications
	Vote of Thanks	
2.30 to 4.30 pm	High Density one-on-one Discussions with International Agencies	