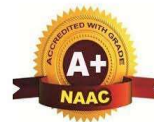




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**Report on AIMS Western Region Roundtable Conference for Deans and Directors on
the theme Potential Impact of NEP 2020 on Management Education**

Date of the Event:	18 April 2024	Duration:	10.30 AM-5.00 PM
Day of the Event:	Thursday	Venue:	IMERT, Seminar Hall
No. of Delegates	70+		

Western Region Roundtable Conference for Deans and Directors was organized by Pune Chapter of Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS) in association with Marathwada Mitra Mandal's Institute of Management Education Research and Training, (IMERT). The theme of the conference was "Potential Impact of NEP 2020 on Management Education."

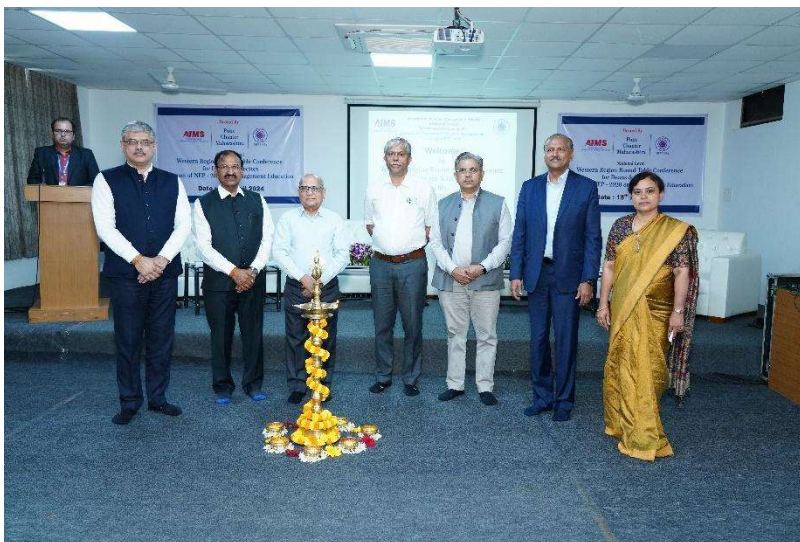


Photo Caption : Dignitaries Present at AIMS Western Region Roundtable Conference for Deans and Directors and



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Photo Caption: Felicitation of Hon. Prof (Dr.) Suresh Gosavi, Vice Chancellor, Savitribai Phule Pune University

The conference was held on Thursday, 18th April 2024 at MM's IMERT, Karvenagar, Pune. The program witnessed the presence of a galaxy of dignitaries viz. Hon. Prof (Dr.) Suresh Gosavi, Vice Chancellor, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Dr. Nitin Karmalkar, Former Vice Chancellor of Savitribai Phule Pune University and Chairman for Steering Committee for NEP 2020 Implementation, Hon. Prin. B.G. Jadhav, Executive President Marathwada Mitra Mandal Trust, Pune, Dr.Uday Salunkhe, Group Director of WE School and AIMS Past President, Dr. G.K.Shirude Regional Vice President of AIMS and Vice Chancellor, Sri Balaji University, Dr. Suhas Pednekar, Ex-VC, Mumbai University Dr. Parag Kalkar , Pro- Vice Chancellor Savitribai Phule Pune University and Treasurer of AIMS, Mr. Sudhir Sharma, President AIMS, Dr. Ramaswamy Nandagopal, Immediate Past President AIMS, Dr. Supriya Patil, Head, Department of Management Sciences(PUMBA), Dr. Ganesh Rao and Dr. Amol Gawande, AIMS Executive Board Members. Dr. Shubhangee Ramaswamy, Chairman Pune Chapter and Incharge Director, Marathwada Mitra Mandal's Institute of Management Education Research and Training (IMERT).



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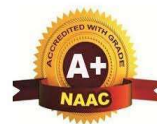
Photo Caption: Felicitation of the dignitaries

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 outlines a revolutionary approach to management education in India, highlighting the importance of adaptability, cross-disciplinary studies, improving standards, fostering entrepreneurship, and fostering research and innovation. It is imperative to effectively execute the policy's guidelines to facilitate the evolution of management education institutions in order to address the demands of an ever-evolving global economy on the backdrop of this situation the objective of the conference was to bring together educators, experts, policy makers to discuss and deliberate on various aspects, challenges and implication of NEP 2020 on Management



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Education. **Dr. Shubhangee Ramaswamy**, in charge Director, IMERT welcomed the Guests and explained the rationale behind selecting the theme for the event.

Hon. Prin. Shri. B.G.Jadhav, Exe- President Marathwada Mitra Mandal's Trust expressed that Education is the single greatest tool for achieving social justice and equality and NEP 2020 ensures equitable and inclusive education: Learning for All. Sir mentioned that there is a scope for improving the management education systems in line with industry expectation is possible with NEP.





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Chief Guest Prof. (Dr.) Suresh Gosavi, Vice Chancellor, Savitribai Phule Pune University mentioned that as technology is changing almost every 4-5 years which leads to obsolescence of the syllabus hence flexibility to modify the syllabus is a must. Sir mentioned that giving exposure of the industry to more than 7.5 lakh+ students studying under SPPU is a real challenge. NEP 2020 gives flexibility to students to learn the problems faced by the society and teachers should guide them to solve those problems.



Guest of Honor Dr. Nitin Karmalkar, Former Vice Chancellor of Savitribai Phule Pune University and chairman for Steering Committee for NEP 2020 implementation mentioned that along with right to education, right education is need of



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the hour. NEP2020 shifted teacher centric approach to learner centric approach. NEP2020 introduced the flexibility of credits to award the degree i.e., for three years course credit requirement is 120-132 credits and for four years course credit requirement is 160-174 credits and four-year graduation has been made an optional choice given to the learners. Those who wish to learn abroad will save a lot on the fees as four-year graduation is recognized abroad and it is beneficial to the country in terms of foreign exchange. He mentioned that the doors of education should not be closed as the multiple entry system of NEP will be helpful for the girl students and also for others who could not complete the education due to some reasons. By bringing the number of colleges from 40000+ to 15000 through clustering of the institutes will infuse a multi-disciplinary approach. Sir highlighted it with the example of building a ventilator during the Covid-19 by SPPU. The Indian Knowledge System has been introduced through NEP-2020 as Indian education systems had overlooked the enriched knowledge of Indian culture and heritage.





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AIMS Past President and Group Director of WE School Dr.Uday Salunkhe covered the topic NEP2020 and Internationalization. He mentioned that the vision of NEP 2020 is to make India a Vishwaguru and is possible with right collaborations and focusing on Investment. Sir mentioned that creation of innovation boards and empaneling international resource persons will give global exposure. He also said that education leaders should play the role of need analyst and analyze the needs of foreign universities and multinational companies. Collaborating with consulate generals from the embassy incorporating at least 5% international faculty members will give the global exposure. Introducing new courses such as 'Temple Economics' will lead to application of management education to niche fields and such courses can be expanded to 50+ countries through the Indian faculty networks.





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Dr. G.K.Shirude Regional Vice President of AIMS and Vice Chancellor, Sri Balaji University, Pune mentioned that AIMS is always keen on meeting the expectations of students, parents , industry and government and mentioned that this conference will serve as a platform to gain insights about syllabus designing, teacher training and FDPs and relevance of MOU in the context of NEP 2020 for management education.





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Dr. Parag Kalkar, Pro- Vice Chancellor Savitribai Phule Pune University and Treasurer of AIMS, highlighted that MBA Curriculum 2022 incorporates several aspects of NEP, however issues faced by the management educators should be collated in order to resolve them so that NEP 2020 can be implemented in a full-fledged manner.





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Dr. Suhas Pednekar, Former VC, Mumbai University mentioned that in today's complex and dynamic business world specialization in management studies is not possible. Referring to surveys of India and China he said Management programs need to focus on artificial intelligence and value-added certifications of science, technology, engineering, and math. He concluded that Innovation and technology are the driving factors of a sustainable future.





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Dr. Abhijeet Mancharkar Director, AISSMS Institute proposed the vote of thanks for the pre-lunch session.

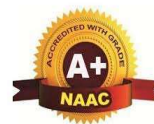




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In the post lunch session, AIMS members welcomed the dignitaries and felicitated all the dignitaries.



Dr. Supriya Patil, Head Department of Management Sciences (PUMBA) in her addressal elaborated that Rejuvenation of the management education is a must and NEP 2020 will fast track this process. She mentioned that as per UGC guidelines MBA will remain a two-year program only for the freshers, however, abroad minimum three years of experience is a must to enroll for a one-year MBA program. Dr. Supriya Patil mentioned that the workload is not a challenge for management educators hence they should use this flexibility for industry connect. Using online courses for niche choice-based credit courses will give an added advantage to the institute.



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In the open house discussion Dr. Ganesh Rao mentioned that Indianization of education is needed to promote finding solutions to local problems.





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Dr. Priyanka Mishra mentioned that customization of assignments and assessments of students and teachers' training for innovation outcomes is needed.






Dr. Abhay Kulkarni mentioned that multiple exits may pose challenges in terms of planning for operational expenses, he also said that 5% teaching and 95% learning is to be ensured by leaders of the educational institutes.





The discussions and insights shared by the speakers will undoubtedly contribute to the ongoing dialogue and implementation of NEP 2020 and other educational reforms. The program was hosted by MM's IMERT Team under the guidance of **Dr. Shubhangee Ramaswamy**.



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