

IHERC PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2025 Venue: R&I Park, Indian Institute of Technogy Delhi Campus				
Day 1- 21st November 2025				
	Agenda	Venue		
8:30 AM -9: 00 AM	Breakfast Venue: Foyer			
9:00 AM- 9:30 AM	Opening Ceremony (Welcome remarks by General Chairs , Program Chairs and IHERN Steering Committee chair)	Hall, 6B -1		
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Keynote Session 1 - Prof. Fazal Rizvi (<i>The University of Melbourne</i>) on <i>Reimagining Higher Educational Futures Against the Rhetoric of Deglobalization</i> Venue: Hall, 6B -1			
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Comfort Break Venue: Foyer			
Paper Presentations (15 mins+ 5 (Q& A) to each presenter)				
10:30 AM - 11 :30 AM	Hall, 6B -1 (125 capacity) (room1)	Board Room (35 capacity) (room2)	Flat Room (45 capacity) (room3)	Training Room (26 capacity)
	Theme: Equitable Access and Success in Higher Education (Special session WAHEN)	Theme: Transnational Education (TNE) Development in India	Theme: Financing in Higher Education	NO SESSIONS SCHEDULED
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	#57: “It’s like we are the foot soldiers, and they are our generals”: Institutionalising inequity through the professionalisation of research <i>Nirved Kumar</i>	#181: Climate teaching across borders: An experiment in Transnational Legal Education between India and the UK <i>Ankita Chakravarty and Aparna Mehrotra</i>	#33 Governance and Financing of Multidisciplinary Higher Education - <i>Garima Malik</i>	
	#112 Assamese Linguistic Identity and the Birth of Gauhati University (1917-1948) <i>Merylin Das</i>	#255 Transnational HE in India: A critical view of internationalization and quality discourse in Indian higher education- <i>Manasi Thapliyal Navani</i>	#286 Boutique Dreams, Broken Promises: Political Economy, Temporal Disjunctures, and the Crisis of Privatisation in India- <i>Anurag Shukla</i>	
	#216 Expanding accreditation in higher education: A closer look at Maharashtra’s policy approach <i>Jahnvi Sant</i>	#272 State Higher Education Councils (SHECs) in India: Transforming Governance in the Higher Education Landscape <i>Jeemut Pratim Das and Neeru Snehi</i>	#127 Public vs. Private Higher Education in India: Trends, Preferences, and Determinants (2011–2022)- <i>Sanghita Ghosh</i>	
Panel Discussion 1: India in the Global Higher Education Landscape: Policies on International and Transnational Education Venue: Hall, 6B-1				
11:35 AM - 12:45 PM	Furqan Qamar, Jamia Millia Islamia Marie Lall, University College London N V Varghese, Former Vice Chancellor, NIEPA Convener: Neeta Inamdar, Symbiosis Centre for Higher Education Research and Policy Advocacy (SCHERPA)			
12:45 PM- 2:00 PM	Lunch Break+ Poster Session 1 Venue: Foyer			
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	Theme: Technology Integration or Online Higher Education (Special Session)	Theme: Industry-Academia Relationship and development planning	Theme: Internationalisation of Higher Education	Theme: Higher Education and Development
	Chair: Pradeep Kumar Mishra, NIEPA	Chair:	Chair:	Chair:
	#15 Demystifying Ambiguities and Nexus of Blended Learning in Indian Higher Education Policy <i>Sheriya Sareen and Sayantan Mandal</i>	#66 From Job Seekers to Job Creators: Reimagining Employability and Entrepreneurship in Indian MBA Programs through Industry-Academia Synergy <i>Melwyn Michael Noronha</i>	#25 Inclusive Internalisation in Higher Education: A Case Study of Jawaharlal Nehru University <i>Shalini Tewari</i>	#74 From Community Outreach to ‘Community-University Engagement’: Re-envisioning the ‘Third Mission’ of Indian Universities <i>Wafa Singh</i>

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	#36 Embedding AI in the Academic Fabric: Pathways to Purpose, Performance, and Principled Practice <i>Rekha Mishra</i>	#231 Bridging the Academia-Industry Skill Development Gap, What Ails Quality of Higher Education System in India Today? <i>Ramprasad Srinivasan</i>	#70 Reimagining Internationalisation in Indian Higher Education: Institutional Responses to NEP 2020 and the COVID-19 Pandemic <i>Anirban Chakraborty</i>	#182 How Do Students (Re)Imagine Pedagogical Futures in Higher Education? Insights from a Card-Based Game for Scenario Generation <i>Salil Sahadevan and Elizabeth Jacob</i>
	#117 SWAYAM and the Community of Inquiry: Evaluating the Integration of Digital Pedagogies in Indian Higher Education <i>Runu Mani Das</i>	#292 Innovation as a site of Contradiction: A Policy reflection on University-Industry linkages in India. <i>Namrata Saha</i>	#71 Internationalization at a Crossroads: Neoliberal Rationales and Decolonial Possibilities of Higher Education <i>Harshita Tripathi</i>	#184 Market value of liberal arts: Investment in liberal arts education at private universities <i>Anirban Sengupta</i>
3:00 PM- 3:10 PM	Comfort Break Venue: Foyer			
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3:10 PM – 4:10 PM	Theme: Internationalisation of Higher Education	Theme: Policy in Higher Education	Theme:Probing Interdisciplinarity: Goals, Contours and Response (Special Session)	Theme:Internationalisation and Global Mobility in Higher Education
	Chair:	Chair:	Chair: Ankur Sarin (IIM, Ahemdabad) and Nirved Kumar (IIM, Ahemdabad)	Chair:
	#137 A GTAP Based Model for Analysing Trade in Higher Education: Demonstrating Economics of International Student Mobility with CGE Modelling <i>Rajneesh Kler and Aarti Srivastava</i>	#122 Policy Mixes and The Institutional Environment of Online Higher Education <i>Sabeela Siddiqui and Debananda Misra</i>	#69 Interdisciplinarity in Higher Education in India : Practical Aspects and Concerns <i>Dr. Sangeeta Angom</i>	#84 The Role of Indian States in Attracting International Students for Higher Education: A Comparative Analysis <i>Aayushi Munjal and Deepak</i>
	#165 Internationalisation of Higher Education in India and US: Lessons for Global Knowledge Production <i>Narender Thakur and Matthew Witenstein</i>	#125 Street-level bureaucracy in practice: Role of teachers in the implementation of credit transfer policy in Indian colleges <i>Arjun Prasad and Matthew A. Witenstein and Malish CM</i>	#158 Beyond Policy: Institutional Practices and Faculty Experiences of Interdisciplinarity in Indian Universities <i>Yashi Goyal</i>	#198 Reconceptualizing Vocational Education Internationalization: Towards a Critical Glocal Skills Ecosystem in India <i>Ranjini Nadig</i>
	#222 From Admission to Aspiration: Examining India’s Mission Towards Internationalisation <i>Mousumi Mukherjee</i>	#163 Engaging Affiliated College Principals Perspectives on Policy Flow at Affiliated Colleges in India <i>Matthew Witenstein and Narendra Thakur</i>	#190 Creating Interdisciplinary Entanglements: Humanities and management education <i>Pooja Thomas</i>	#338 Cultural Alienation and Academic Mobility of Indian Students in Europe: Navigating Internationalisation through a Sociological Lens <i>Siddhi Singh</i>
4:15 PM – 4:45 PM	Hi-Tea/Comfort Break			
4:45 PM- 5:45 PM	Keynote Session 2 - Prof. Ram Gopal Rao, BITS Pilani, Goa Venue: Hall, 6B-1			
6:00 PM	End of day 1 presentations/keynotes/panels			
6:00 PM- 6:30 PM	Comfort Break			
6:30 PM -7:30PM	IHERN Members Townhall (Restricted to IHERN Members). Venue: Hall 6B-1			
7:30 PM	Conference Dinner. Venue: Foyer			
Day 2- 22nd November 2025				
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakfast Venue: Foyer			
10:00 AM – 10:40 AM	Keynote Address 3: Prof. Abhay Karandikar, the Secretary of India's Department of Science and Technology (DST) Venue: Hall , 6B-1			
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	Theme: Internationalisation of higher education	Theme: Policy in Higher Education	Theme: Research Excellence and Global Competitiveness	Theme: Governance, Policy, and Institutional Development

10:45 AM - 11 :45 AM	Chair: #234 Reimagining Internationalisation: India's Higher Education Diplomacy in a Multipolar World <i>Yogesh Pahariya</i>	Chair: #225 Federalism in Higher Education Governance: A Comparative analysis of policy implementation and state autonomy in India and the United States <i>Nandini Shriniwas</i>	Chair: #11 Gender Differences in Faculty Productivity and Knowledge Generation: An Empirical Analysis from India <i>Ankita Baidya</i>	Chair #210 Regulation of Self-Financed Private Teacher Education Institutions in a State in India <i>Geetha M</i>
	#245 Framing a Regional Policy Agenda: Examining the prospects of South Asian Higher Education Region <i>Priya Vijaykumar Poojary</i>	#241 Academic Performance, Access, and Quality in FYUP under NEP 2020: Policy Implications for Indian Higher Education and SDG 4 <i>Narender Thakur</i>	#65 Making Sense of AI: How STEM Researchers Navigate Method, Meaning, and Identity <i>Shweta Srivastava and Debananda Misra</i>	#297 Resisting and Reproducing: The Double Bind in NEP 2020's Indigenisation Agenda — Eeshita Dubey & Nirved Kumar
	#298 Perceptions of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and Their Employability Value in the Context of Internationalisation: Evidence from School Students, Higher-Education Students, Teachers, and Startup Founders in India <i>Sidhharrth S Kumaar</i>	#283 Legislating Autonomy: A Comparative Analysis of the Legal Architecture of Indian Higher Education Institutions <i>Deepak Maun</i>	#93 Research Excellence as a Catalyst for Global Competitiveness: An Empirical Study of Indian B-Schools <i>Revanth Kumar</i>	#318 Conformity vs Diversity in Institutional Development Planning: Evidence from Indian Higher Education — <i>Emon Nandi</i>
Panel Discussion 2 : From Vision to Values: Leadership for Transforming Institutions of Higher Education Venue Hall, 6B-1				
11:50 AM – 1:00 PM	Kiran Karnik, Chairperson, Help Age India Rishiksha T. Krishnan, Indian Institutes of Management Rupa Manjari Ghosh, Former Vice Chancellor of Shiv Nadar University <i>Convener: Aarti Srivastava, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration</i>			
1:00 PM- 2:00 PM	Lunch Break+ Poster Session 2 Venue: Foyer			
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2:00PM – 3:00 PM	Theme: Employability and Student Success	Theme: Research Excellence and Global Competitiveness and Policy in higher education	Theme: Faculty, Research, and Academic Pathways	Theme:
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	#237 Aspiration, Discrimination and Frustrated Freedom: Unpacking the Labour Market Outcomes of Female Graduates in India <i>Nivedita Sarkar</i>	#282 Integrating Research into Undergraduate Education: Lessons from Initial Teacher Education Practice <i>Gunjan Sharma and Jyoti Raina</i>	#278 Unbundling the Role of Faculty in Higher Education: Evidence from India on Massive Open Online Courses — <i>Ashwini Kumar Yadav</i>	NO SESSIONS SCHEDULED
	#276 A Comparison Study on Multi-Regional, Diverse Higher Education Institutions: Understanding the role of Micro-Credentials in Student Employability <i>Sudipto Sarkar</i>	#296 The Evolution of Research Priority and the Unrecognized Role of Research Management and Administration (RMA) in Indian Higher Education <i>Mohit Kumar, Deepak Maun and Sudhanshu Tamta</i>	#215 The Research-Teaching Link and Its Relevance for India's Higher Education Institutions — <i>Pushkar</i>	
	#295 From Classrooms to Careers: The Impact of Fee Reimbursement Scheme on Education and Employment <i>Minali Grover</i>	#311 Diminishing Role of Public Institutions in Education Policy Processes: The Case of National Institute for Education Planning and Administration (NIEPA) <i>Malish CM</i>	#301 Beyond the Thesis: Challenges and Career Pathways of Engineering PhD Scholars in India — <i>Sudhanshu Tamta, Deepak Maun & Mohit Kumar</i>	
	#289 Campus Walls and Political Consciousness: A Visual Ethnography of Kerala's Student Movements — <i>Lulu Farshana M</i>			
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Comfort Break			

Panel Discussion 3 : Doing Research on Higher Education in India and Abroad: Prospects and Challenges Venue: Hall 6B-1	
3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Clare Loughlin-Chow, CEO, Society for Research into Higher Education, UK Dhruv Raina, former professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University Sudhanshu Bhushan, former professor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration <i>Convener: Saumen Chattopadhyay, Jawaharlal Nehru University</i>
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Hi-Tea/Comfort Break
4:45 PM – 5:10 PM	The Best Paper, Best Poster, and Emerging Researcher in Higher Education Venue: Hall 6B-1
5:10 PM-5:30PM	Closing remarks/ Announcement. Venue: Hall 6B-1