

IIM Nagpur successfully organizes Symposium on 'Viksit Bharat Education Foundation Bill 2025'

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The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Nagpur recently organized a symposium on the Viksit Bharat Education Foundation Bill 2025. The objective of the symposium was to deliberate on various aspects of the proposed bill and gather suggestions from academicians and experts regarding reforms required in the higher education sector. The bill proposes strengthening regulation, accreditation, standardization, and a trust-based quality framework in higher education. The symposium featured technical sessions on Regulation, Accreditation, and Standardization.



Vice-Chancellor of Laxminarayan Innovation Technological University, Dr. Atul Vaidya, graced the programme as the Chief Guest. In his address, he stated that teacher evaluation in higher education should not be based solely on the number of research papers published, but also on the number of capable students they have mentored and developed. He observed that while academic standing is often measured by the number of publications, conducting research and preparing students to undertake research are two different responsibilities. Therefore, teachers should also be assessed based on the competent students they nurture and guide.

Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director of IIM Nagpur, highlighted that the concept of "Viksit

Bharat” forms an important part of the proposed bill. He noted that India has the potential to emerge as a developed nation well before 2047, and the country’s education system must prepare accordingly. He further observed that Indian youth are already leading several global companies and industry groups. In the coming decades, India will increasingly be expected to provide leadership at the global level, making it essential to strengthen and align the higher education system with future needs.



The first session, on the theme of Regulation, featured Advocate Ashok Pawde as the keynote speaker. The second session focused on Accreditation, with Dr. Sanjay Kavishwar, former Dean of Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, delivering the keynote address. The third session addressed Standardization, with Dr. Atul Vaidya presenting the keynote.

The suggestions and ideas presented by experts during the symposium will be systematically documented and formally compiled before being submitted to the relevant authorities in New Delhi as policy recommendations for strengthening higher education reforms.

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