



## **Concept Note**

**Webinar  
on  
Research, Innovation and Ranking in Higher Education**

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15.30 hrs - 17.00 hrs**

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Research, Innovation and knowledge production are highly interlinked in global economy. Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are relied on for research for knowledge production. The high ranked institutions in the global rankings are academic institutions which emphasise on research and innovation in addition to their teaching responsibilities. The rankings set benchmarks which are considered important indicators of quality. The research output is given high weights in the calculation of values of ranking indicators. The National Institutional Ranking Framework in India launched in 2015 assesses institutions based on their self declaration on various parameters and Research and professional practices are accorded high weights.

The current policy environment in India encourages institutions to be responsible and accountable for research and innovation through various measures. NEP 2020 envisages HEIs to focus on research and innovation by setting up start-up incubation centres, technology development centres, centres in frontier areas of research, greater industry academic linkages, and interdisciplinary research including humanities and social sciences research. Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities(MERUs) are being set up. NRF has been launched to catalyse and expand research and innovation through competitive funding and encouraging culture of research.

This webinar is organized to discuss the ways and means to improve research and innovation intensity in academic institutions.

Objectives of the Seminar:

1. To highlight implications of recommendations of NEP 2020 on research innovations and rankings
2. To discuss the institutional initiatives to mobilize resources to promote research and innovations and to improve ranking
3. To develop a perspective on institutionalising research and innovation in HEIs

The Webinar on 'Research Innovation and Ranking in Higher Education' is tentatively planned for 10 September, 2021 will discuss some of these and emerging issues in context of the National Education policy 2020. A report on the webinar will be published.

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