



# Proposal for Forum 2026



**National Assessment and Accreditation  
Council (NAAC), Bengaluru India**

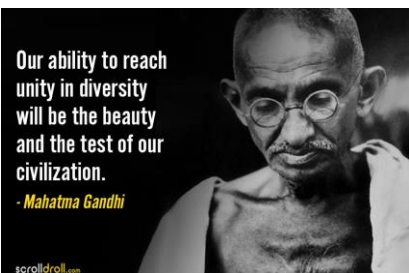
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## Agenda

- ◆ India- A Leading Economy and an Aspirational Society
- ◆ Indian Higher Education- In Transformation Mode
- ◆ NAAC and its Changing Focus
- ◆ **Forum 2026 in New Delhi**



## India- A Leading Economy and an Aspirational Society

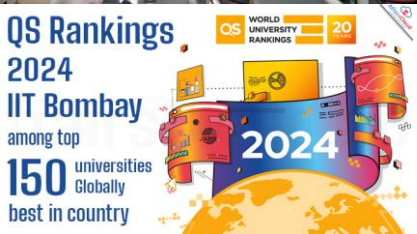


- ◆ **Unity in Diversity-** 36 States/UTs, 22 Official languages, Culture, Arts, Religions, Climate, etc.
- ◆ **Fastest Growing economy-** Growing at 7%, From 5th largest (2024) to 3rd largest economy of the world (2035)
- ◆ **Digital Revolution-** Highest mobile and internet density, national infrastructure, rural connectivity
- ◆ **Huge Infrastructure development-** Airports, Roads, Railway network, industrial estates, etc.
- ◆ **Innovation & Startup ecosystem-** 40th position in Global Innovation Index in 2023 (81st in 2015) and 3rd largest ecosystem in the world
- ◆ **Demographic Dividend-** Youngest nation with over 30% of the population in the age group of 15-29

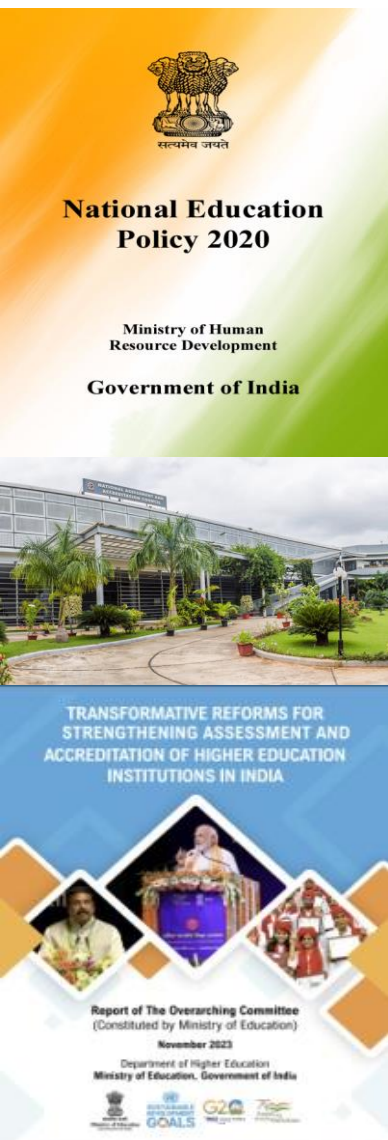
## Indian Higher Education- In Transformation Mode



- ◆ **One of the Largest in the world-** Heritage to modernity, 1168 Universities and 45,473 colleges, Targeting 50% GER in 2035
- ◆ **National Education Policy 2020-** Transformative to achieve global economic leadership and inclusive society before 2047
- ◆ **Internationalization-** Campuses, Student mobility, research collaborations, faculty exchange, etc. Global positioning- Started securing top 100-200 positions in QS/Times ranking
- ◆ **Research & Publications-** India ranks 5th in R&D spending and a Science Powerhouse (Nature)
- ◆ **Renewed thrust on Quality-** To ensure that quality of graduates, research & development, societal integration enable 2047 vision of developed India



## NAAC and its Changing Focus



- ◆ **NAAC-** Established in 1994 by Government of India under University Grants Commission, highly experienced staff, Institutional Accreditation (45% of Universities and 25% Colleges accredited)
- ◆ **Collaborations-** Member of INQAAHE, APQN, CHEA, and MoUs with other countries, etc.
- ◆ **Reforms in Accreditation-** Basis for regulation, autonomy and funding, focus on process & outcome, Binary and Maturity-Based Graded levels
- ◆ **NAAC as meta body-** Onboarding Agencies (Government, Private and International entities), prog. accreditation, Research for policy making, etc.
- ◆ **Internationalization-** Best practices exchange, training, consulting, international experts as part of the peer teams, Jointly expanding to other countries

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## Why India for Forum 2026?



- ◆ **Short Immersion into Indian HE System-** Through interaction with leading academic institutions, government representatives, quality professionals
- ◆ **Collaboration Opportunities-** Agencies and institutions to explore opportunities for consulting, training, partnerships through MoUs.
- ◆ **Sponsorships-** Many Indian universities are excited to be part of event through sponsorships, support extended activities of the Forum 2026
- ◆ **Regional and Global promotion-** Participation of Ministers, Ambassadors, Academic leaders, Life skill leaders, Coverage in print & media, Social media campaigns, etc.
- ◆ **Experience Incredible India-** Unique opportunity to explore India at the time of huge transformation, history, culture, heritage, cuisines, hospitality, etc.

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## Location-New Delhi



- ◆ **National Capital and a historical city-** Located on the west bank of the Yamuna River, the city is 160 km away from Himalayas
- ◆ **World class Hotels and resorts-** to host international guests at affordable rates, high class local infrastructure
- ◆ **Cross-national communities-** Presence of Embassies and Consulates, Government agencies
- ◆ **Attractions-** Heritage sites in Delhi, Jaipur, Agra, Varanasi, etc. and other historical and cultural heritages of North India
- ◆ **New Delhi Airport-** Award winning airport offers excellent international connectivity along with world class amenities.
- ◆ **Proposed Dates-** 16-17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (Option- Pre-Forum workshops on 15<sup>th</sup> April)



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