



**Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS)**

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Towards Vision Viksit Bharat @ 2047

**Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**

Sponsored Two-Day National Conference on

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# Capacity Building in Higher Education

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14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

VET First Grade College, 14th Main Road, JP Nagar 2nd Phase  
Bengaluru

Collaborators



National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru

Sikkim University, Gangtok

VET First Grade College, Bengaluru

## About the Conference

Higher Education Institutions are vital for shaping future-ready citizens by promoting excellence in teaching and research. NEP 2020 has given a vision to achieve excellence in education and opportunity to contribute towards Vision Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

In the above context, need for continuous faculty capacity building in pedagogy, curriculum design, technology integration and other relevant areas was felt. Hence, Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS) in collaboration with National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Sikkim University and VET First Grade College is organising a Two-Day National Conference with the support of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.

This conference provides a platform for academic leaders, policymakers and experts to deliberate on actionable strategies for faculty capacity building focusing on key areas such as leadership development, digital transformation, pedagogical innovations, holistic education, skill development etc. The conference aims to develop a strategic framework for effective capacity building programmes to empower faculty to navigate the dynamic demands of the education sector effectively.

## Objectives of the Conference

- To identify and discuss the key capacity-building needs of faculty members/educators within Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
- To develop actionable strategies for enhancing the professional development of faculty members focusing on pedagogical advancements, digital integration, research capabilities, experiential learning, outcome-based learning etc for improved teaching quality in the context of NEP 2020 and Vision Viksit Bharat @2047
- To provide a platform for participants to share successful capacity-building models and best practices, in aligning with NEP 2020

# Day 1

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14th February, 2025

## Inauguration

10:00 am to 11:15am

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### Keynote Address

Padma Shri awardee **Prof. M K Sridhar**

President, CESS and Chancellor, Chanakya University

### Chief Guest

**Sri. Srinath Batni**

Co-founder, Axilor Ventures, Bengaluru

### Guest of Honour

**Prof. Ganesan Kannabiran**

Director, NAAC, Bengaluru

### Presided by

**Sri B. R Viswanath Setty**

President

Vasavi Educational Trust

### Prelude

**Prof. Ashok H S**

Honorary Professor, CESS, Bengaluru

## Focal Point

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11:30 am to 1:00 pm

### **Dr. Rajendra Kumar V Joshi**

Senior Consultant, CESS, Bengaluru

### **Prof. Maruthi R. Suresh**

Professor  
School of Management Sciences  
Chanakya University, Bengaluru

### **Dr. S C Poornima**

Honorary Professor  
CESS, Bengaluru

### **Sri. Ajit Kaikini**

Director  
Corporate Training, Buoyancee

## Plenary

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2:00 pm to 3:15 pm

### **Bridging the Gap: Approaches to Capacity Building of faculty members in HEIs**

### **Prof. Sourav Mukherji**

Professor, Organizational Behavior and Human  
Resource Management  
Dean, Alumni Relations and Development,  
Indian Institute of Management Bangalore.

## Thematic Discussions

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3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

# Day 2

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15th February, 2025

## Thematic Discussions

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10:00 am to 11:30 am

## Panel Discussion

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11:45 am to 1:00 pm

### **Role of Education in achieving Vision Viksit Bharat@2047**

#### **Dr. S R Keshava**

Professor, Department of Economics,  
Bangalore University

#### **Mr. Hemanth Sahal**

Founder & CEO, Digii, Bengaluru

#### **Prof Madhavi Lokhande**

Director

Welingkar Institute of Management Development and  
Research, Bengaluru

## Call to Action

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2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

### **How can I be a Trim Tab?**

*Setting Future Agenda.....*

#### **Dr. Rajendra Kumar V Joshi**

Senior Consultant, CESS, Bengaluru

# Valedictory

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3:45 pm to 5:00 pm

## Chief Guest

### **Prof. (Dr.) Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi, IAS (Retd)**

Member, High-Level Committee NCrF MoE, Govt of India  
Former Chairperson, NCVET, Govt of India

## Presided by

### **Dr. Manandi N Suresh**

Hon. Secretary  
Vasavi Educational Trust

## In the Presence of

### **Dr. R Parvathi**

Principal  
VET First Grade College, Bengaluru

### **Dr. Gowrisha**

Professor & Director  
CESS, Bengaluru

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Cordially invited by

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**Members, National Conference Organizing Committee**

## **About the Organisers**

**Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS)** is a Bengaluru based research organization recognised by ICSSR, Ministry of Education, GoI, New Delhi. CESS is committed to bringing about 'Social Transformation through and with Education' through Research, Policy Advocacy and Capacity Building in the fields of Education and India Studies. CESS has undertaken projects and research studies, both in-house and in collaboration with premier institutions. CESS is deeply engaged in the capacity building of various stakeholders at both school education and higher education.

**Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**, is the apex body of the Government of India for research in the Social and Human Sciences and operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Government of India. ICSSR plays a crucial role in advancing knowledge on social issues, providing research-based solutions to policy makers and promoting research excellence to shape social science agendas and support informed policymaking.

**National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)**, established in 1994 is an autonomous institution of UGC for conducting Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (HEI) in the country. NAAC is contributing to bring quality as a culture and making quality assurance an integral part of functioning of HEIs.

**Sikkim University** is a central university located in Gangtok, Sikkim. The university is renowned for its unique academic approach, which integrates local culture and global perspectives, catering to the needs of the region while preparing students to face global challenges. Situated in a region known for its biodiversity, cultural diversity, and strategic geopolitical location, Sikkim University plays a vital role in contributing to the academic, cultural, and economic development of the North-eastern part of India.

**VET First Grade College** being one of the units of Vasavi Educational Trust was established in the year 1996 and has completed 29 years of committed service to the society in the field of education. The college is affiliated to Bengaluru City University; has been accredited by NAAC with 'A' grade and also recognized by UGC under 2(f) and 12(B). College has maintained high quality in academic pursuits and it has state of art campus, infrastructure, laboratories and well-equipped lecture halls with ICT enabled learning.