



Interview

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'Cost Management vital to any sector, including education'

MA What have been the major initiatives taken during your tenure with this institution.

Let me share some information about Jadavpur University with you. The performance of our students at National and International level is really praiseworthy. The achievements of our researchers and faculty members particularly in research and development works are well known to academic community of the world. It is now one of the best five universities in

our country in terms of quality as well as quantity of research papers publication in various national and international journals of repute.


MA How do you look at the ranking of Indian Universities done by the international agencies? How relevant are their parameters for Indian institutions?

The parameters (at least a few of them) based on which the ranking is done, are not relevant in Indian context. The process does

not match with the vision and mission of Education System being followed by majority of the Universities of our country.

MA What are your views about the recent trend of adopting performance management system in education sector in India? Does NAAC play an important role in this regard?

There are no other alternatives but to adopt this system because Globalisation has already made every sector including



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education very much competitive. By and large NAAC plays a good role.

MA In this competitive scenario cost effectiveness is a burning issue. How do you evaluate the education sector in India in this context?

Bad Governance in public sector in education invites this method, but for private sector, it is always good because of their attitude and outlook in running those institutions.

MA Indian government provides huge subsidy in education sector, many students, inspite of being financially sound take the facility of subsidy. Do you believe an efficient and prudent pricing mechanism can solve this problem? Do you have any personal opinion on it?

Yes, it is true that Indian Government provides subsidy in education sector but that is not adequate. That malpractice is the flow of the system, which is hampering the process of providing subsidy to really poor but meritorious students. Proper mechanism should be evolved which I believe is not a very difficult task.

MA What are the basic differences you find in the teaching - learning environment under public and private education system?

It is too much regulatory but poor governance in public sector. The reverse is true in case of private sector.

MA How do you compare and benchmark the regulatory aspect and the teaching - learning environment in India with that

of the advanced countries?

It is difficult to compare because by and large Indian education system is democratic (participatory management).

MA Do you believe online education system can add value towards quality education in Indian scenario?

So far as quality education is concerned, it is not.

MA The market size of Indian education sector is increasing gradually due to the strong demand for quality education; as a result, many private operators including few foreign universities are entering into this business. Do you believe all these universities maintain the desired standard of quality education? What is your expectation towards Indian government in this context?

If education becomes a business, quality is bound to suffer. The Indian Government should look into this aspect while giving permission to foreign universities to do business in our country.

MA How proper Cost Management system plays an important role in the overall growth of education sector in India?

Proper Cost Management System always plays a good & vital role for the growth of any sector. Education sector is no exception to it.

MA Do you think present higher education system is effective for producing sensible and accomplished human being to build

our nation?

To some extent, I do believe so with enormous scopes for further development to achieve the desired goal.

MA How do you evaluate your existing faculty quality and strength of your institution?

In terms of effective participation in modern teaching learning process, excellent research and development works and active involvement in outreach programme for the cause of the society.

MA What are the infrastructural strengths and weakness of Indian education system?

Growing G.E.R. in education system itself speaks about the strength but at the same time care must be taken to address the issue of regional imbalance in this regard. Poor enrollment of students in science, technology and engineering subjects is a matter of concern of Indian education system.

MA How much change have you experienced in the Indian education scenario in past few decades? What is your opinion regarding the future panorama of education sector in India?

Lot of changes has been noticed in terms of gross enrollment ratio but at the same time, quality suffers a lot. Apart from conventional education system, skill development programme will constitute an impressive part of Indian education system in future.