

Dear Academic Counsellor,

As we embark on the journey to realize the ambitious vision outlined by the government's "Viksit Bharat @ 2047" initiative, your expertise and insights are pivotal in shaping the trajectory of higher education in India.

We are reaching out to solicit your valuable feedback on a comprehensive framework aimed at advancing our University towards achieving the goals outlined in Viksit Bharat.

You are requested to kindly spare 10 minutes of your valuable time for filling up the Feedback form given below:

1. Name: _____
2. Gender: (Please ✓) 1) Male ☐ 2) Female ☐ 3) Third gender ☐
3. Age Group (in years): (Please ✓) 1) 25 to 35 ☐ 36 to 45 ☐ 46 to 55 ☐ 56 and above ☐
4. Name of Learner Support Centre attached to: _____
5. Academic Discipline: _____
6. Total experience in IGNOU (in years): _____

Please give your feedback on following statements:

Sl.No.	Question	Disagree	Neutral	Agree
	Theme 1: Increase Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) 1. Accessible Online Education Initiatives: • "Introducing accessible online education initiatives will increase GER by providing flexible learning opportunities to a broader spectrum of students." 2. Industry-Academia Collaboration: • "Fostering stronger ties with industries to offer practical learning experiences and employment opportunities will attract more students to higher education." 3. Infrastructure Development: • "Investing in modern infrastructure facilities such as state-of-the-art libraries, laboratories, and IT resources will enhance the appeal of higher education institutions, thus driving up GER." 4. Targeted Outreach Programs: • "Implementing targeted outreach programs in underrepresented regions and communities will ensure equitable access to higher education, thus boosting GER."			

	5. Offering programmes in regional languages: • "The programmes should be offered in regional languages for enhancing the GER."			
	Theme 2: Financial support to HEI students 1. Provision of Scholarships, fellowships, freeships etc.: • "There should be sufficient scholarships, fellowships, freeships etc. available to support students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds in accessing higher education." 2. Work-Study Opportunities: • "There should be work-study opportunities provided to students to help them financially support their education while gaining practical experience." 3. Emergency Financial Aid: • "There should mechanism in place to provide emergency financial aid to students facing unforeseen financial challenges during their academic journey to successfully complete the academic programme." 4. Financial Counseling Services: • "There should be financial counseling services readily available to help students navigate financial decisions and manage their expenses effectively." 5. Alumni Support for Scholarships: • "To encourage alumni contribute to scholarship funds or financial aid programs to support current students in need."			
	Theme 3: Universities to feature in global rankings 1. Research Excellence: • "The university should prioritize and support cutting-edge research across disciplines to enhance its global standing" 2. International Collaboration: • "The University should engage in international partnerships, joint research projects, and faculty exchange programs to foster global connections and recognition." 3. Quality of Teaching and Learning: • "The University should prioritize innovative teaching methodologies, and student-centered learning approaches to deliver high-quality education." 4. Infrastructure and Facilities: • "The University should invest in state-of-the-art infrastructure, laboratories, libraries, and IT resources to support research and academic activities." 5. Continuous Improvement and Innovation: • "The University should demonstrate a culture of			

	continuous improvement and innovation in its academic programs, research endeavors, and institutional practices to stay competitive on the global stage."			
	Theme 4: To develop socially relevant courses leading to entrepreneurship and innovation 1. Innovative Course Development: • "The socially and market relevant courses that integrate principles of social entrepreneurship and innovation to prepare students for addressing societal challenges." 2. Mentorship and Guidance: • "There should be mentorship and guidance programs to support students and alumni who aspire to embark on social entrepreneurship ventures." 3. Networking and Collaboration: • "The University should encourage a culture of networking and collaboration among students, faculty, alumni, and external stakeholders to amplify the impact of social entrepreneurship and innovation initiatives" 4. Integration of Field Experience: • "The courses should integrate hands-on field experiences, internships, and real-world projects into the curriculum to provide students with practical exposure to social entrepreneurship and innovation." 5. Ethical and Sustainable Practices: • "The courses should promote ethical and sustainable practices among aspiring social entrepreneurs to ensure long-term positive impact on communities and the environment."			
	Theme 5: Increase Research, Patent and Innovation 1. Encouraging Research Funding: • "Increasing funding for research projects and innovation initiatives will stimulate patenting activities within Higher education institutions." 2. Promoting Interdisciplinary Collaboration: • "Encouraging interdisciplinary and inter-university collaboration among faculties, departments and funding agencies will foster innovative solutions and drive patenting activities across diverse fields." 3. Establishing Incubation centres: • "Setting up dedicated Incubation centres at Headquarters and Regional Centres in collaboration with Industry/State Govt./Corporates will facilitate the			

	commercialization of research outcomes, thereby encouraging patenting and innovation." 4. Incentivizing Industry Partnerships: • "Offering incentives for collaborative research projects with industry partners will accelerate the translation of academic innovations into marketable products and patents." 5. Incentivizing research and innovation: • "University should provide funding and incentives for undertaking innovative research projects leading to patent and productive outcomes,"			
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Thanks for providing your valuable feedback. Your responses will be kept confidential.
