

**TRANSFORMATIVE REFORMS ON THE ANVIL -  
FOR STRENGTHENING PERIODIC  
ASSESSMENT, ACCREDITATION, AND RANKING  
OF INDIA'S HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

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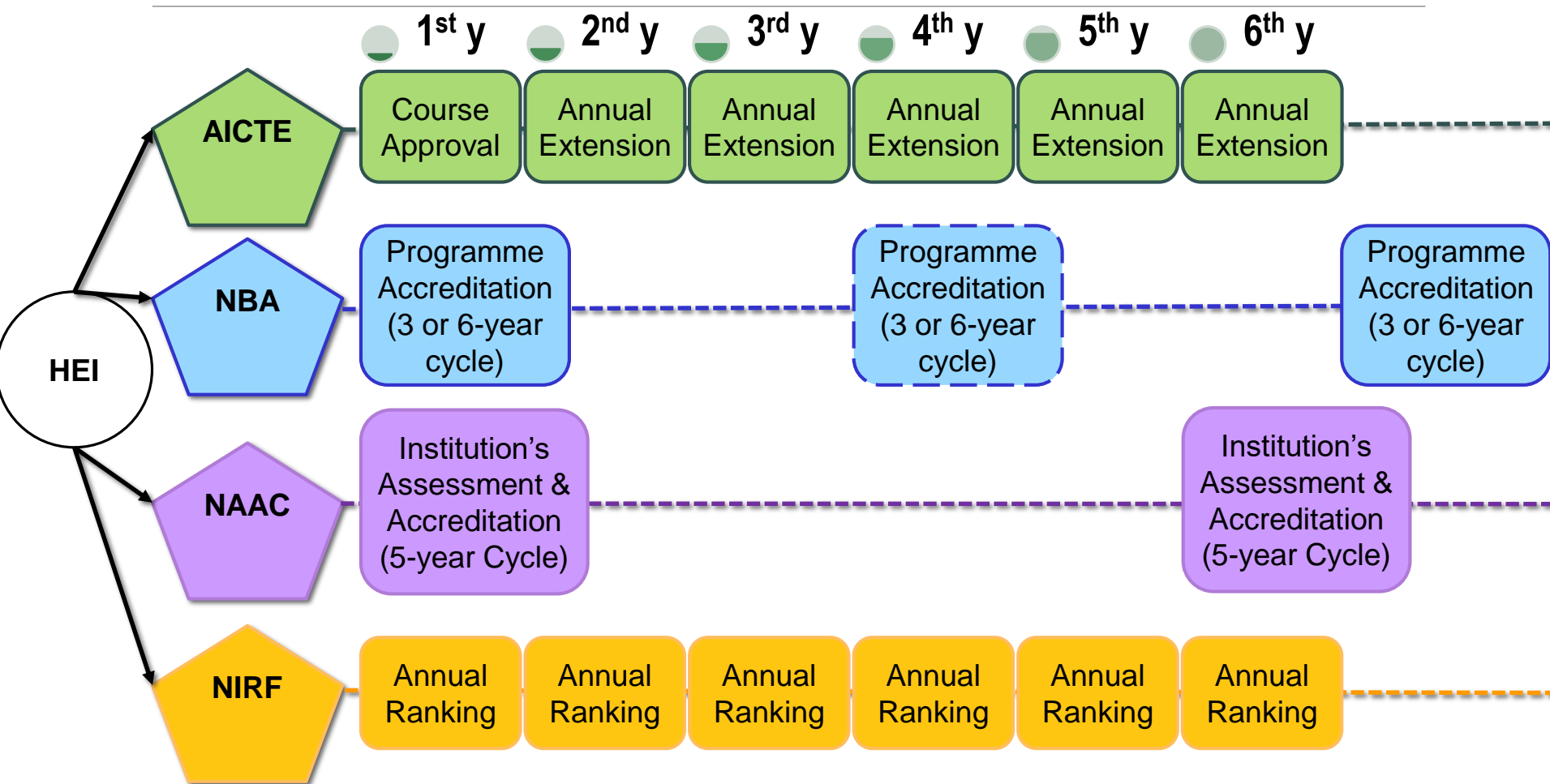
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# APPROVAL, ACCREDITATION & RANKING OF HEIs

## - THE CURRENT SYSTEM AT A GLANCE -



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## - ABOUT THE CURRENT SYSTEM –

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- Low Willingness of HEIs
- Subjective
- Mostly, Input-centric
- Cumbersome
- Inconsistencies

# STRATEGIC INTENT OF REFORMS PROPOSED

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**“Consistent with the Vision of NEP 2020, Adopt, right away, a simple, trust-based, credible, objective and rationalised system for approval, accreditation and ranking of HEIs, with (a) a verifiable and secured centralised database, (b) technology-driven modern systems that could replace/minimise manual involvements and (c) mentoring and incentivising schemes for raising their participation as well as accreditation levels, towards eminence, significance and global acclaim.”**

# HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED REFORMS

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<b>A. Amalgamate Accreditation for Programme and Institution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Composite Assessment (as Table, Star plot)</li><li>▪ Choice-based Ranking System for Users</li></ul>
<b>B. Adapted Binary Accreditation (instead of 8-Point grading)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Accredited (next, raise bar from Level 1-5)</li><li>2) Awaiting Accreditation (close to threshold)</li><li>3) Not Accredited (far below; to be mentored)</li></ol>
<b>C. Simplify - First Cycle (esp.); Reaccreditation (3-year cycle)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ No need for Annual Extensions from AICTE if program-scope doesn't alter significantly</li></ul>

# MORE ON 'COMPOSITE ASSESSMENT' OF HEIs

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- Draw up a Standardised list of Programmatic Domains
- A Composite Table for each HEI, or 'Star Plots' (a sequence of equiangular spokes, and their length proportional to the rating of each programmatic domain), with a Central Core Circle scaled to the Institutional base.
- One HEI may get high scores for a few programmatic domains and relatively low for the rest of the domains.
- Accreditation Scores are paramount than the Rankings.

# MORE ON 'CHOICE-BASED RANKING SYSTEM' - FOR DIVERSE USERS -

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- In-built tools to process and refine the vectored scores (that are based on gross parameters), User-specifiable (i.e. personalized) weightages and selectable parameters.
- Enables Diverse Users (students, funding agencies, industries etc.) for more informed choice of HEIs for studies, research and consultancy.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED REFORMS

**D. All HEIs to be covered, but categorise them based on:**

**A. Orientation/Vision**

**B. Heritage & Legacy**

- **Old & Established**

- **New and Upcoming**

1. **Multi-disciplinary Education and Research-Intensive**

2. **Research-Intensive**

3. **Teaching-Intensive**

4. **Specialised Streams**

5. **Vocational and Skill-Intensive**

6. **Community Engagement & Service**

**E. Use Parameters on Inputs, Processes, Outcome, Impact on Eight aspects of HEIs**

- **Link Parameters to Essential Variables**

- **Collect Category-specific data from HEIs**

- **Assign weightages (business logics) for approval, accreditation and scoring/ranking**



# HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED REFORMS

F. Technology-driven modern systems (to replace existing Manual/Hybrid systems)

- **Unified Elicitation Tool to collect a super-set of data;**
- **Upgradation of 'One Nation One Data Platform**

- Adequate access control and security features
- Single point data entry by HEIs with provision for yearly updates
- Verify with Collateral data, Peer-Sourcing, and Trust-enhancement measures
- Application programming interfaces (APIs)
- Compatibility with the national digital frameworks

# HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED REFORMS

<b>G. Trust Institutions (along with significant penalty for wrong doings/submissions) and</b>	<b>▪ Ensure public disclosure of relevant data by HEIs, to enhance the overall process-credibility.</b>
<b>H. Robust Outreach mechanism in tandem with</b>	<b>▪ Hand-holding of potential entrants (the majority, now)</b>

# TARGETS FOR TRANSITION

▪ Eliciting Feedback from Stakeholders	24 Jul 2023
▪ Completion of Developmental Tasks	31 Aug 2023
▪ Test and Evaluation and Trial Runs; System Readiness	31 Oct 2023
▪ Statutory Clearances; Notification to Stakeholders	30 Nov 2023
▪ Transition Campaigns and Readiness Review	22 Dec 2023
▪ <b>TRANSITION TO NEW ACCREDITATION SYSTEM</b>	31 Dec 2023

**Later, Seamless transition to National Accreditation Council of HECI**