

# ***Reforming Indian Higher Education: How are India's States Responding to Federal Higher Education Initiatives?***

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## **About the Lecture:**

Over the last decade, there have been numerous efforts aimed at reforming India's Higher Education system. Almost all these efforts were at the federal level but for a variety of reasons, many of the proposed reforms failed to take off. However, the National Mission on Higher Education (NMHE), launched in 2013, represents a major policy shift in the federal government's thinking in addressing the multiple challenges facing State Higher Education systems. Drawing on his extensive engagement with the NMHE, Prof. Kumar will highlight the distinctive elements of the NMHE, its effects on Indian higher education, and how these effects have been mediated by India's federal polity.

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