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PREFACE

Indian Education is the third largest education system in the world. But none of the education institutions of India falls under the category of top 200 institutions of the world. The recent researches identify lack of quality service delivery to the end customer was a reason for its failure. Hence, Quality Service Delivery is significant.

A new avenue in employment for management professionals all over the world has created high demand for management education. Management education service providing organizations have come up with various features in delivering quality services, which are intangible in nature, to attract more students to generate sufficient income. HR wing, established by them in this regard to provide quality service, has taken responsibility to develop internal inputs on one hand; marketing wing has taken responsibility to attract external customers. They have given due importance to HR & Marketing rather than to internal capabilities. This is how they have finely commercialized their services. The initial research taken by the scholar found that HR Practices are no more supporting internal capabilities to develop their standard up to the required level. A strong sustained mechanism or a tool is required to develop internal capabilities i.e. employees. The development of knowledge in the field of management education has come up with the new concept of Internal Marketing Practices which aimed to attract, develop and retain internal customers through internal marketing.

This is a novel attempt because very few research works has been done in this field. Applying Internal Marketing Practices in Management Education and their impacts on delivering quality service to the external customer as well as to the development of management education providing organizations have rarely been studied. The present study has endeavored in that direction.

Thus, the most questions was whether management education service providing organizations will have to adopt internal marketing practices for the benefit of not only for the Internal Customers and External customers, but for the entire stakeholders of Management Education Service Providing Organization to achieve **vision of Success.**

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED

Abbreviations Full Form

AIM Assam Institute of Management

AIU Association of Indian Universities

AU Assam University

BBA Bachelor of Business Administration

BBM Bachelor of Business Management

DBIM DonBosco Institute of Management

DU Dibrugrah University

GIMT Girijananda Institute of Management and Technology

GU Guwahati University

KU Kaziranga University

MBA Master of Business Administration

MESPOs Management Education Service Providing Organizations

NERIM North Eastern Regional Institute of Management

PGDM Post Graduate Diploma in Management

RSM Royal School of Management

SPSS Statistical Package for Social Sciences

TNG Times News Group

TOI Times of India

TU Tezpur University

UK United Kingdom

USA United State of America