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Professor Jitendra Singh is currently Dean of the Nanyang Business School at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore, one of the world's leading science and technology universities. He is also Shaw Foundation Chair and Professor of Strategy, Management and Organization at Nanyang Business School. In addition, he is a member of the University Cabinet of NTU, and Chief Adviser, India Strategy to the President of NTU.

He was a faculty member at Wharton since 1987 and moved there from University of Toronto, Canada where he was an Associate Professor in the (now) Rotman School of Business. He received his Ph.D. from Stanford Business School in 1983. In 1991, he received an M.A. (honoris causa) from University of Pennsylvania. His earliest education was in natural and mathematical sciences and he received his B.Sc. (Physics, Mathematics, and Statistics) from Lucknow University, India in 1972. Subsequently, he received his MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India in 1975 (notably, a survey done by the Economist has rated IIMA as the most difficult business school in the world to get admission to; Which MBA Survey, 13th ed., October 2001.) He worked as a line manager at Voltas Ltd. in India for three years before coming to the US for his Ph.D. in 1978.

He was a co-founder of the Emerging Technologies Management Research Program, now housed within the Mack Center for Technological Innovation at Wharton. This is a very successful research program that involves participation from leading academics at Wharton and partnerships with blue chip firms across multiple industries. Some current and past partner firms are IBM, Reliance Industries, HP, Charles Schwab, Infosys, SmithKline Beecham, Proctor & Gamble, Bank of Montreal, 3M, McKinsey & Co., Knight Ridder, Cigna, Sprint, Xerox, and Dupont, among others. Recently, the Mack Center has also launched the Biosciences Crossroads initiative.

Professor Jitendra Singh was earlier elected to membership in two leading professional organizations-- MOBS, a society of leading scholars in organization design and theory, and MESO, a society of scholars engaged in research linking individual and organizational issues. During 1994-96, he served an elected two-year term on the Senate Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, University of Pennsylvania.