



News of the Week

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Now, digital universities to soon offer higher education

Daily News & Analysis

As part of its Digital **India** programme, the government has started the process of formulating a policy for digital universities across the country. Once formulated, such universities will be set up to enable people to access high-level **education** at their convenience. These universities will be given accreditation ...

Portal launched to woo foreign students for higher education

Business Line

“With a network of around 800 universities and 30,000 colleges, **India's higher education** system is among the largest in the world. The 'Study in **India**' initiative is an innovative scheme to bring together various scholarships and self-financing programmes and to also attract students from partner countries in ...

101 management schools apply to shut shop as business is bad

Hindustan Times

Data with the All **India** Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the apex body of technical and management institutes, shows that a total of 101 ... R Subrahmanyam, the secretary (**higher education**) in the Human Resource Development (HRD) ministry said the government did not see the closure of ...

India offers fee cuts to attract foreign students

The National

At present, India hosts about 45,000 international students — just 1 per cent of the world's population of students who move overseas for **higher education**. **India** has around 40,000 colleges and 800 full-fledged universities, according to government statistics. “We observed that the number of students ...

Proactive measures can make higher education accessible to all: Expert

Times of India

TRICHY: Girls account for less than 20 per cent in engineering colleges, said secretary general of Association of **Indian** Universities Furqan Qamar, stressing the need for proactive measures to make **higher education** accessible to all sections of society. He said that inclusion and equality still remain a ...

BITS IN NEWS

MARGAO: Pilot project in Margao works towards cleaning Sal | Goa ...

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/.../pilot-project-in-margao-works-towards-cleaning...>

PANAJI: Salcete's tiny River **Sal** has been a major cause of worry in recent years, due to its rising pollution levels.

Dubai Based Debut Author Daniela at BITS Pilani

Source 1: <https://www.edarabia.com/dubai-based-debut-author-daniela-bits-pilani/>

Source 2: <http://dubaiforum.me/dubai-based-debut-author-daniela-at-bits-pilani/>

5 things you need to know about APOGEE (2018) by BITS Pilani

Stuff

The 36th edition of **BITS Pilani** annual fest APOGEE, was held from 21st February to 25th February 2018 and boy, it was a cracker. Was there tech? Absolutely. As a matter of fact the theme of this fest was - A Cybernetic Vision. We'd count that as serious sci-fi but you need more convincing than just a name.

Robotics team from BITS-Pilani bags prize

The Hindu

WCB Robotics by Birla Institute of Technology and Science-**Pilani**, Hyderabad campus, won the \$5,000 People's Choice Competition sponsored by SoFi in Rice Business Plan Competition. The winner was determined by over 8,000 people who voted for their favourite team via a Facebook survey.

Antarctic Odyssey of Alumnus BITS Pilani Proud to be BITSian Divya ...

openPR (press release)

However, she was a lost soul at **BITS**. She didn't want to do engineering but ended up at the then top ranking institute in the country for mechanical engineering by her merit. Yet, going to **Pilani** has also been her life's biggest blessing. She is indeed proud to be a BITSian and it has been her identity no ...

Learning from a failure: the making of Swiggy

YourStory.com

He also credits his journey to pursuing an Engineering degree at **BITS Pilani**, where he got an opportunity to meet people from different background and cultures. "I think those were my formative years. Unlike other colleges, Pilani never forced students with attendance, which gave us a lot of time to pursue ...

Twitter Co-Founder Biz Stone Invests In Indian AI-Based Health ...

Analytics India Magazine

Twitter, Medium and Jelly co-founder Biz Stone has invested in a Delhi-based artificial intelligence-powered chatbot Visit. This news comes hot on the heels of other tech giants investing in Indian startups. Visit, a brainchild of students from Birla Institute of Technology and Science (**BITS**), **Pilani**, is about ..

राजस्थान की दंपति ने युवाओं को दिया सपनों का भारत

Patrika

राजेंद्र जोशी दुनियाभर में भारत का नाम रोशन कर रहे हैं। राजस्थान के **बिट्स पिलानी** से फार्मैसी में ग्रेजुएट डॉ. राजेंद्र जोशी ने दुनियाभर में कई खतरनाक बीमारियों के खिलाफ दवा का आविष्कार किया है। आज दुनियाभर में उनके नाम ...

Exclusive: Freecharge co-founder invests in sticker search app Emojifi

VCCircle

The company was founded in January 2017 by Varun MS, Manan Maheshwari and Mahesh Gogineni who are alumni of **BITS Pilani**, Duke University and the Stanford Graduate School of Business, respectively. The co-founders had previously established on-demand beauty and wellness services provider ...

UGC,NAAC

UGC to suggest focus areas for doctoral research work in universities

The New Indian Express

NEW DELHI: The University Grants Commission plans to soon suggest core areas and subjects on which research by doctoral students will be encouraged in varsities. **India's university education** regulator is in the process of beginning consultations with subject experts in various disciplines after which a ...

Several measures need to be taken to improve management system of ...

India Today

... their should be timely incorporation of all such **UGC** guidelines in this regard. End-to-end ICT (Information Communication Technology) should be adopted in a phased manner for reforms in examinations and to usher in greater efficiency, transparency and reliability and **NAAC** evaluation should be made ...

Academic accountability of teachers

Greater Kashmir

Standard practice proposed by **UGC** in this regard needs to be converted into best practice first. As per National Assessment and Accreditation Council (**NAAC**), "a standard practice qualifies to a best practice status if it results in high-value impact on any aspect of educational activity in an institution.

Autonomy Without Responsibility Will Be of No Use

BW Businessworld

It would, therefore, be better if the institutions are categorized in blocks like A, B, C etc. as per their performance (as is done by **NAAC**) rather than a ... Q. You have been the frontrunner in asking for autonomy for educational institutions, the recent update by **UGC**, do you see that as a step towards your vision ...