



# News of the Week

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

### Study in Europe call from EU ambassador

[The Telegraph India](#)

Guwahati: The ambassador of the European Union to **India**, Tomasz Kozlowski, urged students, researchers and faculty members from the Northeast region to explore opportunities available under EU-funded programmes for **higher education** and research such as Erasmus+, the Jean Monnet programme ...

### Surana Educational Institutions to Host GCS Conclave 2018 to ...

[Business Wire India \(press release\)](#)

G.C. Surana promoted excellence in academics through affordable & quality **education** for over 25 years by providing **education** from Nursery to Research Levels. Surana **College**, (est. 1995) under GDA Foundation Trust is permanently affiliated to Bangalore **University** and enjoys the status of section 2(f) ...

### Seeking Education Loan? Government-Run Portal Allows Students ...

[NDTV](#)

Instead, you can just visit one integrated government-run portal that caters to all the education-loan related needs. Known as Vidya Lakshmi, this is a portal developed under the aegis of Government of **India's** three departments: Department of Financial Services, Department of **Higher Education** and **Indian** ...

### Nalanda 2.0 announces the launch of its signature initiative ...

[PR Newswire India \(press release\)](#)

Making the case for this initiative, Shail Kumar, Founder & President, Nalanda 2.0, said, "Great nations, states, and cities are powered by a world-class **higher education** system. The United States has 135 universities in the Top 500 of global rankings, China: 45, South Korea: 12, California: 12, Silicon ...

### Scientists, researchers to March for Science on 14 April

[Livemint](#)

It is for the first time that **Indian** scientists will march on the same day as those in over 600 cities across the globe, unlike last year, when the march was held on 9 August, almost four months after it was organized across the world on 22 April. "We expect more people to come forward this time. It's for the first ...

### UGC makes PhD theses available to researchers

[Morung Express](#)

As per All **India** Survey on **Higher Education** (AISHE) data for 2016-17, the number of students enrolled was 141037 in various disciplines including Agriculture, Arts, Commerce, Computer Science/Applications, Education, Engineering/ Technology, Law, Management, Medicine, Science, Veterinary Science ...

## UGC to Create “Online National Network” for Researchers

Elets

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on Tuesday asked all **higher education** institutions across the country to provide information on the existing government-funded equipment they own to create an “online national network”. According to the UGC, the Government of **India** plans to establish “online ...

## Haryana creates Rs 10 cr fund to encourage students to set up ...

Outlook India

"It is an important step towards realisation of vision of Digital **India** of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The youth does not lack talent, it has to be ... He applauded the Department of **Higher Education** for taking up new initiatives to upgrade the quality of **higher education**. With the launch of mobile app 'Shiksha ...

## Why Southeast and East Asia are increasingly popular among ...

Asian Correspondent

MENTION study abroad and not often would one think of **higher education** institutions in Asia, however recent numbers indicate the trend may well be changing. ... Many students heading to these countries are from **India** and are particularly interested in taking up degrees in medicine, engineering, business ...

## Global Higher Education Market Outlook 2018-2022: IBM, Xerox ...

Cherry Grrl

Regionally, This **Higher Education** Market report divides into several regions by consumption, production, revenue (million USD), growth rate (CAGR) of **Higher Education** market in this key regions such as North America, South America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, South-east Asia (**India**, China, ...

## India's biggest "Make in India" initiative should be the skilling of the youth

YourStory.com

Where is the road to **higher education** for the ones who need that, and the path to job readiness for all? Formal **Higher Education** today addresses just 15 percent of the youth. Of course, one can argue that in the world enabled by technology, anyone can learn. There are online courses and certifications ...

## India creates unique tiered system to punish plagiarism

Science Magazine

The rules were accepted last month by the University Grants Commission of **India** (UGC **India**), which oversees **higher education**, and are binding for all universities. The new policy creates four tiers for addressing plagiarism, which is defined by UGC **India** as “the practice of taking someone else's work ...

## Measuring excellence: on NIRF rankings

The Hindu

Even among the 3,954 institutions that participated, there is a clear skew towards southern, southeastern and western **India**. Participation levels are inadequate: there were 40,026 colleges and 11,669 standalone institutions according to the HRD Ministry's All **India** Survey on **Higher Education** for ...

## Higher EB-5 investment requirements may reduce number of Indian ...

Moneycontrol.com

Lohia said that a large proportion of the applications from **India** are from parents of students visiting the US for **higher education**. In order to qualify for EB-5, individuals can invest directly in a business that creates jobs or invest through USCIS-approved regional centers for promoting economic growth in ...

## **This is a one-stop portal for all your education loan queries**

India Today

Vidya Lakshmi is an integrated government-run portal that helps students in getting an education loan. ... Vidya Lakshmi is developed under the aegis of Government of **India's** three departments: Department of Financial Services, Department of **Higher Education** and **Indian** Banks Association (IBA).

## **Fake PhD degrees under government scanner**

Times of India

Following the education minister's directive to ascertain the genuineness of doctorate degrees of college teachers, senior officials in the state **higher education** department said on Tuesday several teachers might have produced degrees attained through dubious means to get salary increments or other ...

## **Global benchmarking of Indian learning**

Business Line

Also steps for mutual recognition of **Indian higher** and vocational **education** qualifications abroad which shall go a long way in global benchmarking of **Indian** learning. The recent agreement with France, Australia, Malaysia, Qatar and Mauritius among others for cooperation is significant in this regard.

## **Talk Point: Is India's march for science political, necessary or just ...**

ThePrint

Scientists are increasingly demanding respect for their research and discouraging any promotion of superstition and 'pseudo-science', with a strong steer towards ethics. Promoting **higher education** and protests in support of science is probably necessary; however, there is one very **Indian** science problem ...

## **The other side of the jobs challenge**

Livemint

Sectors that witnessed faster growth in quality of labour also generally saw **higher** growth in labour productivity, measured in terms of real value added .... The latest Annual Status of **Education** Report (ASER), Beyond Basics 2017, released earlier this year shows that while most of **India's** youth in the 14-18 ...

## **Periyar University to introduce MOOC courses**

The Hindu

Kolandaivel said that the University Grants Commission has taken serious steps to improve the quality of **higher education in India**. Through the courses under Swayam programme students can evaluate the best course content and the faculty members and choose from among them. This initiative will ...

## **Tribal University remains a riddle for educationists**

The Hans India

The educationists included academicians, vice-chancellors of various universities say they do not know how the tribal university is being structured. They point out that tribal university will not be sustainable unless primary, secondary and **college education** for tribals has not been fortified. In Andhra Pradesh ...

## **DMU shortlisted for three prestigious Times Higher Education awards**

De Montfort University (press release)

The International Strategy of the Year shortlist recognises the work of DMU Square Mile **India**, the **university's** pioneering international outreach programme that has improved the lives of hundreds of children and adults, given students incredible experiences and created new interest in the **university** that ...

## **BITS IN NEWS**

### **'Soon we'll be consuming plastic we've thrown in our rivers'**

Times of India

Besides acting as an ambassador for climate change at his college campus, Singh will also speak to students from all three **BITS Pilani** campuses about the impact of global warming he witnessed on his Antarctica visit. Singh expects to influence a total of 12,000 students at the BITS University itself.

### **Pilot project in Margao works towards cleaning Sal**

Times of India

The department of biological sciences of **BITS Pilani** KK Birla, Goa Campus, is now working towards finding a solution. ... The project will be executed under Srikanth Mutnuri of the department of biological sciences of BITS Goa campus, who has over 12 years of research experience in bioremediation and ...

### **WCB Robotics Team from BITS Pilani Shines in Rice Business Plan ...**

United News of India

WCB Robotics Team from **BITS Pilani** Shines in Rice Business Plan Competition, US. Hyderabad, Apr 14 (UNI) WCB Robotics team from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science (**BITS**) **Pilani** – Hyderabad Campus won the \$ 5,000 People's Choice Competition sponsored by SoFi in 17th year Rice ...

### **BITS Pilani-Hyderabad's Robotics team wins international prize**

Telangana Today

Hyderabad: The WCB Robotics team of the Birla Institute of Technology and Science (**BITS**), **Pilani** – Hyderabad Campus has won the \$5,000 People's Choice Competition sponsored by SoFi in the Rice Business Plan Competition. The winner was determined by more than 8,000 people who voted for their ...

## UGC,NAAC

### UGC defers NAAC regulation for Bengal varsities

Millennium Post

Kolkata: In a relief to Bengal universities, the University Grants Commission (**UGC**) has deferred its new regulation that only institutions with **NAAC** grade A plus (score of 3.26 or above on a scale of 4) would be permitted to offer programmes through distance mode. The regulation will not come into effect for ...

### Patna University eyes NAAC accreditation

Times of India

PU is also getting deprived of various grants sanctioned by the **UGC** under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) because of its non-accreditation by **NAAC**. Only **NAAC** accredited institutions are now eligible to get development grants under RUSA. Even though some colleges under PU, ...

### MGU seeks exemption for distance courses

The Hindu

MGU has been accredited 'A' grade with CGPA of 3.24 on a 4-point scale after the third cycle of **NAAC** accreditation held in October last. In a letter to the **UGC** Chairman, Vice Chancellor Babu Sebastian said there was an exemption to the condition (CGPA 3.26) to higher educational institutions, which were ...

### Mumbai University at the bottom of pyramid

Free Press Journal

What is worse, the University of Mumbai has not applied for re-accreditation by the **NAAC** — the accreditation having lapsed some two years ago. This makes it ineligible for **UGC** grants at a time when the funding from the state government is not forthcoming. According to Radha Srinivasan, the university's ...