News of the Week

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HIGHER EDUCATION

India's move on university autonomy raises funding alarm
Times Higher Education (THE)

The **Indian** government's decision to grant 60 universities "autonomous" status has been hailed as a "welcome step", but question marks remain over how it will impact public funding of **higher education**. Last month, the University Grants Commission gave 60 institutions special status that will allow them to ...

IIT Delhi, DU among top 200 universities: Study
Economic Times

Only IIT Delhi and University of Delhi figure in the world's top 200 universities compared to 49 from the USA, 30 from the United Kingdom, 11 from ... It said **India's higher education** sector faced many challenges such as low level employability, lack of research as well as limited scope for innovation and ...

'Universities Need To Invest And Develop Their Brand'
BW Businessworld

Many of the most prestigious **higher education** brands in the **India** can trace their origins to **India's higher education** policy of the 1950s, which envisaged schools of excellence, especially in technology and sciences. The IITs, IIMs, and such advanced institutions created in those days are all well-known ...

Why Indian banks don't like lending to students
Quartz

Between 2015 and 2017, growth in **education** loans slipped from 17% to 2%, according to Care Ratings. "The **education** loan portfolio growth has been low despite opportunities in the **education** segment. One major factor could be **higher** delinquencies experienced by banks," the research and rating ...

Teachers to lose jobs, students their registrations if found guilty of ...
Hindustan Times

The **Indian** Journal of Dermatology has retracted a paper presenting guidelines to handle plagiarism in the **Indian** scenario because the author ... The UGC has approved the UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in **Higher Education** Institutions) regulations 2018 in its meeting ...

Shodhganga@INFLIBNET centre provides platform to make Ph.D ...
Devdiscourse

The number of PhD students has been on the rise and as per All **India** Survey on **Higher Education** (AISHE) data for 2016-17, the number of students enrolled is 141037 in various disciplines including Agriculture, Arts, Commerce, Computer Science/Applications, Education, Engineering/ Technology, Law, ...

NIRF India Rankings 2018: IISc Bangalore overall best, AIIMS Delhi ...
Times of India

NIRF **India** Rankings 2018: IISc Bangalore overall best, AIIMS Delhi tops medical institutes' list ... According National Board of Accreditation sources apart from the government institutions, a large number of private **higher education** institutions have ... 1)National Law School of **India** University, Bengaluru

'Indian engineering students gain in first two years, high-order ...
The Indian Express

A learning outcome assessment of undergraduate engineering students in the country, conducted by Stanford **University** and the World Bank, suggests that **Indian**students make substantial gains in Mathematics and critical thinking skills in the first two years of their **education** compared to their counterparts ...

Selecting world class institutions: How to choose the best
Economic Times (blog)

There are, indeed, places for such institutions in a strong **higher education** sector. But, overall, **India** will be served best by a diverse set of eminent institutions, some comprehensive, some specialised, some research-oriented, and some celebrating community service and teaching. The examiners' reports ...

The precarious road to autonomy
Times of India

The ABVP has demanded that the state government show more diligence while endorsing autonomous status to **higher education** institutions. "We are not against academic autonomy. But it should not be given to inferior institutions, just for the sake of claiming central funds", said Syam Raj, state secretary, ...

Needed: A fillip for research
Times of India

In the overall ranking, Kerala **University** maintained its 47th rank this year too, while **Indian** Institute of Science **Education** & Research, Thiruvananthapuram, slipped from 56 to 58. MG **university** is ranked 52 and Cochin **University** of Science and Technology 99. The only central **university** in state at ...

Education sector reforms: Better late than never

With global universities setting their foot in **India** and the new-age private Universities offering foreign collaborations and state-of-the-art infrastructure luring the talented pool of students, the **higher education** system also needs to shun its conventional approach. The proposal of greater autonomy to the ...

Indian engineers not as good as Chinese, Russians, suggests survey

According to The **Indian** Express, a recent learning outcome assessment of undergraduate engineering students conducted by Stanford **University** and the ... The daily added that this is the preliminary finding, part of the Technical **Education**Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) supported by the World ...

India, Singapore to explore new areas of cooperation during ...

"It would be a good opportunity for both sides to take stock of the progress that we have made in different pillars of our strategic partnership, and explore areas for further cooperation," Singaporean Minister for Education (**Higher Education** and Skills) Ong Ye Kung said today. "Next, we can collaborate to ...

Revolutionising E-Learning and Online Education System in India

India's e-learning market, according to KPMG, is the second-largest after the US and likely to grow to USD 1.96 billion by 2021. Over last two years, the online **education**sector in **India** has seen several big-ticket investments from global players such as Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Google, Netflix founder Reed ...

Universities slip in national rankings

"Calcutta was once the only hub for students of eastern **India** as far as **highereducation** was concerned. But over the years good institutes have come up in places like Delhi," Ray said. "Central universities have been developed in Assam and Tripura and they offer better teaching facilities. So, Calcutta lost ...

Are world-class univs possible?

The **Indian higher education** system is on the cusp of change. The Government of **India** is planning to convert 20 existing universities into world-class institutions, which over a period of time, will compete with the world's best universities. Universities are readying themselves for the huge grant and massive ...

BITS IN NEWS

उदयपुर के पुरंजय की कप्तानी में बिट्स पिलानी बना ...
दैनिक भास्कर

उदयपुर | उदयपुर के पंचवटी निवासी पुरंजय सिंह की कप्तानी में **बिट्स पिलानी** ने संग्राम-2018 फुटबॉल चैंपियनशिप जीती। आईआईटी रुड़की की मेजबानी में चार दिवसीय टूर्नामेंट का आयोजन 29 मार्च से 1 अप्रैल तक रुड़की में हुआ था।

Shishir Joshipura appointed MD, CEO of Praj Industries
Business Standard

Praj Industries, a global process solutions company, appointed Shishir Joshipura as the CEO and Managing Director, effective today. An alumnus of **BITS Pilani** and Harvard Business School, Shishir served as the Managing Director and Country Manager of SKF India, prior to joining Praj. "I welcome ...

A 10-Year-Old Basti Kid And BITS Pilani Will Renew Your Faith In ...
The Better India

If the story of 10-year-old Anji from Nati Basti, a slum which is located close to the prestigious **BITS Pilani** institute, does not leave you with a sense of hope about this country's future, nothing will. From a tiny under-nourished girl covered in mud, collecting firewood with her sisters, and living in extreme ...

UGC,NAAC

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The Catch In Autonomy
The Indian Express

In India, **UGC** increasingly controlled the functioning of the institutions it funded. It set syllabus, minimum qualifications for recruitment and specified attendance. A new scheme of greater autonomy to educational institutions has been announced. Depending on their **NAAC** scores, institutions will be slotted ...

India's central universities have modern sensibilities, but are also ...
ThePrint

The decision divided higher education institutions into two categories, with the first (Type 1 – those with an **NAAC** score of 3.5 and above) granted 'full' autonomy, and the second (Type 2 – those having a score of 3.26-3.5) given 'partial' autonomy, in that they would still need **UGC** permission for some ...