HIGHER EDUCATION

Budget 2018: Increase education expenditure to 6% of GDP
Business Today

Budgetary support for humanities and social sciences, as also for vocational training institutes needs to be enhanced at the level of **higher education**. Also, currently, all expenditure on leading technical institutions such as the Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) and management schools such as the Indian ...

All the facts you need to answer tricky questions about higher Education
The Guardian

According to the **Higher Education** Statistics Agency, the gender gap is getting wider, with 55% of women entering **higher education** compared to just 43% of men. Recent research for the Sutton Trust [pdf] tells us that the poorest students are slightly more likely to go than they used to be – 11.3% of students ..

Centre committed to improve quality of higher education

ANI News-

New Delhi [India], Jan 17 (ANI): Human Resources Development Minister Prakash Javadekar stated that the government is committed towards upgrading the quality of **higher education** in the country. "The government supports more autonomy for educational institutions. It is encouraging students to take education loans, ...

Haryana to be constitute higher education council
Press Trust of India

The members would include State Project Director, a representative of **Higher Education** Department not below the rank of deputy director, a representative of Technical Education Department not below the rank of deputy director, a representative of Finance Department not below the rank of joint secretary ...

Pawaiya addresses meeting of State Higher Education Council
Daily Pioneer

Higher Education Minister Jaibhan Singh Pawaiya said that efforts should be made to improve quality of **higher education** institutions and get them national level recognition. He said that there is need also to launch a special campaign to improve the library and lab of these educational institutions. Pawaiya

Budget 2018: More funds for education can boost quality of teaching ...
Firstpost

Improving quality and fostering excellence is a major challenge that **HigherEducation** Institutions (HEIs) face today. The institutions are required to attract and retain competent faculty, raise teaching standards, encourage cutting edge research and nurture talent. Institutions therefore require massive ...

UCL to launch open-access megajournal
Times Higher Education (THE)

UCL is to launch an open-access megajournal to contend with the likes of Plos One and Scientific Reports as the landscape of scholarly publishing moves increasingly online. The as-yet-unnamed journal platform from UCL Press will be a first for a UK university: Plos One is run by the Public Library of ...

Students defend the future of facts on Wikipedia
Times Higher Education (THE)

"Of course I didn't believe him when he said that the only thing he had found was a Wikipedia source," Dr Carleton told Times **Higher Education**. On closer inspection, she found that her student was correct. "The topic he was writing about was not one that was being written about by academics in traditional ...

Industry body Assocham seeks **higher** outlay for **education** in upcoming budget

New Delhi: Industry body Assocham has sought enhanced outlay for education in the upcoming Budget and pitched for exempting **higher education** from the Goods and Services Tax. In a letter to Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, the chamber argued that with external state regulation and risk of agitation in the ...

State directorate of **higher education** begins work on first higher ...
Times of India

PANAJI: For the first time, the state directorate of **higher education** is going to launch an extensive survey to record the status of **higher education** in Goa and has also called for inputs from the general public. The final database prepared will then be used as the base to take all decisions pertaining to ...

Directorate of **Higher Education** seeks suggestions from public to create databases ...
United News of India

According to a statement from the government here on Wednesday, in order to realize the vision of modern, effective and inclusive **higher education** system for building a globally competitive, innovative and sustainable society, the Directorate of **Higher Education** has sought the views and inputs from the ...

Assoc ham seeks **higher** outlay for **education** in Budget

India Today

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Ticking bomb: Poor **education** standards could dash **India's** hopes of becoming a leading power

Times of India (blog)

... **education in India** suffers from serious systemic lacunae. And these can't be addressed through legislations alone. While enrollment rates in schools have gone up significantly, learning outcomes appear to have stagnated. In short, for a large section of secondary and **higher** secondary students in this ...

Higher education as a multi-purpose enterprise
QS WOW News (press release)

The manifestations of globalisation have brought about a plausible framework to justify the development of global **higher education**. Despite the existing challenges faced by **higher education** sector, globalisation has led to a rapid expansion of global space for **higher education**. It has brought about the ...

Workshop on **higher education** curriculum
The Hindu

CII Southern Region, in partnership with SDM Institute for Management and Development (SDMIMD), will organise a workshop on 'restructuring and redesigning the curriculum in **higher education** to meet industry needs' on January 24 and 25. It will be held at SDMIMD. The primary objective is to help ..

Rethinking Elites in today's changing **higher education** landscape
QS WOW News (press release)

This is more important than ever, because in the next three years the nation is expected to face a scarcity of 3 million well-education graduates. This is a disparity predicted to hit 16 million by 2025, according to a Lumina Foundation report. Access to **higher education** has become progressively challenging for those in the ...

Budget 2018: Time for **India** build skills through enabling **education** infra

Business Standard

To create and sustain an effective knowledge economy, **India** must undertake systemic integration of education reforms to strengthen its competitive advantage. In this Budget, we hope that the government will give prominence to increasing quality of **higher education** and overall quality of schooling.

Assam, Nagaland lag in enrolment ratio

The Telegraph

Guwahati: A survey of the Centre has revealed that the gross enrolment ratio (GER) in higher educational institutions of two northeastern states - Assam and Nagaland - is far lower than the national average. The All **India** Survey on **Higher Education** (2016-17), published by the Union ministry of human ...

UK: **Indian** academics in demand, cross 5000 mark

Hindustan Times

The number of **Indian** students coming to British **higher education** institutions has dwindled since 2010, but the number of academics categorised as "British **Indian**" has crossed the 5,000 mark for the first time, reflecting their expertise across disciplines. The category includes **Indian** citizens and British ...

IIT joint counseling plea to Pilani
Basant Kumar Mohanty Jan 22, 2018 00:00 IST

New Delhi: The Indian Institutes of Technology have requested BITS Pilani to join their counselling process for BTech admissions this year.

BITS IN NEWS

सेंट जेवियर्स कॉलेज के नेशनल इंटर कॉलेज फेस्टिवल ...

खास खबर

इसमें शामिल होने वाले कॉलेजों में **बिट्स पिलानी** (ट्रिनिटी कॉलेज, दिल्ली), गौतम बुद्ध कॉलेज, नोएडा (हिंदू कॉलेज, डीयू) आईआईएस यूनिवर्सिटी, जयपुर और महारानी कॉलेज, जयपुर शामिल हैं। विजेता टीमों को कुल तीन लाख रुपए की ...

Playing towards a robotic future
The New Indian Express

BITS Pilani has done very well. There are some IITs, some NITs. Indian companies are coming up. Even in Kerala it is there now. Basically, we need trade shows and more competitions," he said. In a way, Prahlad owes his fascination for robotics to the Russians. "To be frank I didn't know much about it.

This Man Wants To Help 6 Schools, By Running And Cycling 1000s ...
The Better India

He topped his high school exams, enabling him to go to the prestigious **BITS Pilani** university in Rajasthan on a Tamil Nadu government scholarship which took care of 70% of his tuition fee. Soon after college, Srini focused on pulling his family out of poverty by working in the private sector till 2009, while ...

Movers And Shakers
BW Businessworld

Disruptors like Locus are only as good as its technology. "The backbone of Locus is our technical expertise," says 29-year-old Rastogi. Of the 50-member strong Locus team many of the platform engineers come from top educational hubs such as IIT Kharagpur; **BITS Pilani**; Carnegie Mellon University, US, ...

Three Indian American Professors Named Fellows of the ...
India West

Sheth received his B.E. from **BITS-Pilani**, India in 1981 and his doctorate in computer and information science from Ohio State University in 1985. Sukhatme is the dean's professor and chairman in the University of Southern California's School of Engineering's Department of Computer Science. Additionally ...

TEDxBITSPilani 2018: Ketto founder Varun Sheth, Aashna Shroff to ...
Firstpost

From the world of art are Sahej Rahal, who practises unconventional art and sculpting and has numerous exhibitions abroad, was the winner of the Forbes award in 2014 for Debut Solo Show, and **BITS Pilani's** own Ujjwal Anand who is working on a nanosatellite project and is a self-taught fluteboxer.

Rising Stars, Chicalim SC share spoils; Cortalim Villagers down ...
Oherald

Rising Stars, Chicalim SC share spoils; Cortalim Villagers down BITS FC ... In another match at **BITS Pilani** ground, Cortalim Villagers defeated BITS Football Club 2-0. Francisco Travares opened the scoring for the Cortalim side in the 4th minute while Mevren Cruz doubled their lead in the 77th minute to ...

एक्सपो में रोबोट ने मिलाया हाथ, एप छुड़ाएगी ...
Nai Dunia

इस बार मॉम की थीम 'अ रोड टुवर्ईस सेफर इंडिया' थी। कार्यक्रम के उद्घाटन सत्र में मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में **बिट्स पिलानी**के पूर्व वाइस चांसलर एल.के माहेश्वरी मौजूद थे। शाम को कल्चरल प्रोग्राम के तहत कैराओकेननमाइट के साथ बज़ बैंड ...

CSIR leveraging technology development by forging synergistic ...
Business Standard

Senior representatives of other partnering Institutes namely IIT-D, IIT-B, IIM-A, **BITS-Pilani**, IIEST-Sibpur also participated in the meeting to promote student/researchers exchanges and R&D partnership. Indian Ambassador in Japan Mr. Sujan Chinoy and Dr. Girish Sahni, Director General, CSIR delivered ...

US Professors conduct engineering..... (Goan 21.01.2018)

US professors conduct engineering ethics programme at BITS Pilani

Students and professors of Texas A&M University, USA with professors from BITS Pilani.

PANAJI: BITS Pilani KK Birla Goa campus recently hosted the first two-week Engineering Ethics Programme organized for 17 students of Texas A&M University, USA. The professors of Texas A&M University, Prof. Paul Mario Koola and Prof. John Curry O'Day, jointly conducted this course for their students at BITS Pilani Goa Campus.

The Programme was jointly coordinated by Prof. N N Ghosh (Dept. of Chemistry), Associate Dean, International Programmes and Collaboration Division (IPCD), and Prof. M Srikanth (Dept. of Biological Sciences) the former Associate Dean, IPCD.

The aim of this course was to educate students in Engineering Ethics in a new cultural environment augmenting their social and global skill sets to compete in a tightly integrated world.

Apart from intense class room teaching, the visiting students were exposed to the culture of Goa by visiting various prominent places of Goa.

"Hospital" were became most famous.

Stalwarts of tiatr like Mike Mehta, late Remmie Colasso, Late M Boyer and late Jacinto Vaz also performed in his tiatr. He introduced the highly talented actor and singer Jose Rod for the first time on the professional stage as a child artist. Carvalho left for his heavenly abode on November 24, 1995.

Ingenious intellect

Prof Shalini Upadhyay, spiritual intelligence researcher, on this area emerging as a specialised academic discipline

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With the theory of multiple intelligence gaining ground, spiritual intelligence has emerged as a specialised academic discipline and an area of research. Shalini Upadhyay, assistant professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS-PILANI, Goa, elaborates.

ACADEMIC STREAM

With limitations of Intelligence Quotient (IQ) and Emotional Intelligence (EQ), psychologists turned their attention to the concept of Spiritual Intelligence/Quotient (SI/SQ) which could transform, integrate, and connect with the inner life of mind and spirit. A few attempts have been made to introduce the concept of SQ in the academics. Some B Schools in India and abroad have introduced. Research in this area has massive potential. If rightly captured, SQ can give new ways to harmonise meaning and value in all spheres of life. It's an interdisciplinary field comprising sectors like psychology, management and humanities along with consciousness studies.

DIMENSIONS

Performance itself is a multidimensional concept. Performance of a person is not limited to the tasks that he/she performs. It also pertains to the contributions that an individual makes to support social, organizational, psychological environment in which these tasks are performed. In 1993, Borman and Motowidlo dissected performance as task and context based, where task based refers to the activities that contribute to the organizational technical core, while context based include behaviours, such as helping co-workers, being a reliable member of the organization, making suggestions to improve the procedures and so on. The whole concept of Organisational Citizenship Behaviour (OCB) draws largely from this model. With this study as the backdrop, if attempt is made to consolidate performance with SQ, it will bring new synergy in the workplace and would lead to build a more cohesive environment. The overall outcome of such an environment would definitely be an increased productivity. It's high time that corporate sector should take a leap from the conventional employee performance appraisals to more holistic assessment of performance with the help of SQ. It's time that the companies should break the existing inertia and create new symbiosis.

CAREER FOCUS

The scope of this research is immense - cross functional, cross discipline and multidimensional. I was a project director for an ICSSR (MHRD) funded project attempted to analyse the impact of SQ on Research Performance of University teachers. A few projects that I am working on are its impact on IT professionals and the role of SQ in strategic decision making. Still there are so many unchartered and unexplored areas where SQ may give new insight and create right perspectives.

News on UGC, NAAC

UGC nod to regulations giving institutions greater autonomy

The Indian Express

The **UGC** on Tuesday approved new regulations, including one on freeing top-ranking institutions from the regulator's control. The '**UGC** (Categorization of Universities for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations aims to provide greater autonomy to institutions based on their **NAAC** accreditation score.

Online degree in non-tech courses
The Hindu

Only institutions with a **NAAC** grade of A plus and A plus plus – meaning, a **NAAC**score of 3.26 or above on a scale of 4 – would be permitted to start these courses, which would essentially be open and distance learning in online mode. "The **UGC** will approve their course structure. There will be online ...

Only institutes with top **NAAC** ranking to provide distance education
Hindustan Times

An institute might now need a rating of 3.25 from National Assessment and Accreditation Council (**NAAC**) to be eligible. According to a senior HRD official, the University Grants Commission (**UGC**) will soon notify these changes in the existing University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) ...

'**NAAC** panel setting challenges to maintain high standard of ...
Deccan Herald

The **NAAC** committee sets new criteria every time to assess the quality of education in colleges and universities. The very quality is the basic eligibility for the colleges to obtain **UGC** grants, he said. College Principal Dr Uday Kumar M A said that the university college has been evaluated by **NAAC** on three ...

Online degrees soon to be recognised in India, 15% universities ...
Moneycontrol.com

Although online degrees have existed in India, many a time the **UGC** has termed it to be an invalid degree. ... Kumar Sharma, where they pointed that only the universities with an A+ as per the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (**NAAC**) rating system will be allowed to set up such programmes.

UGC chief to private colleges: Make education accessible to poor
Times of India

The idea of greater autonomy for central, state and deemed universities and other regulation relating to autonomy of colleges is to give functional independence within the regulatory framework to those institutions which have been consecutively acquiring higher grades of **NAAC** and they should be given ...

UGC to let central, top state varsities have more autonomy
Hindustan Times

The regulations divide all **UGC**-recognised public, private and deemed universities into three categories, each of which will get different degrees of autonomy. Universities accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (**NAAC**), which assesses and accredits higher education Institutions, ...

UGC's new regulations for granting autonomy to colleges gets stricter
NYOOOZ

UGC's new regulations get stricter for top-ranking institutions from getting autonomous status. The '**UGC** (Categorization of Universities for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations aims to let high ranking institutes get free from the regulator's control and provide greater autonomy to institutions based on their **NAAC** ...

After results mess, 5 colleges apply for autonomy from Mumbai ...
Hindustan Times

... rounds of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (**NAAC**) should be granted autonomy immediately, but the implementation of this rule still stays on paper. "A basic system has to be followed before granting autonomy to a college and the decision comes from the university as well as the **UGC**.

UGC blacklists Manipur College, ceases grants
E-Pao.net

Imphal, January 11 2018: In connection with misappropriation of funds and the State Government's failure to take up any action against one former Principal-in-charge who is mainly responsible for the misappropriation, the University Grants Commission (**UGC**) has not only blacklisted Manipur College, Singjamei but also ...

यूजीसी से टॉप 100 यूनिवर्सिटीज को मिलेगी ...

Hindustan हिंदी

इन तीनों श्रेणियों में आने वाले विश्वविद्यालयों को अलग-अलग स्तर की स्वायत्तता मिलेगी। राष्ट्रीय आकलन और प्रत्यायन परिषद (**नैक**) द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त वैसे विश्वविद्यालय जिन्हें कम से कम 3.5 या इससे अधिक स्कोर मिला है, ...

Not Afraid To Learn
Morung Express

Degree of Thought will delve into the social, cultural, political and educational issues around us. The views expressed here do not reflect the opinion of the institution. Tetso College is a **NAAC** Accredited **UGC** recognised Commerce and Arts College. The editors are Dr Hewasa Lorin, Nungchim Christopher ...

LBSIM Spotlight: Prof. DK Srivastava – Director, LBSIM
PaGaLGuY

As a versatile administrator, he has been in strategic core committees like **UGCNAAC**, Institute of Eminence, Academic Council, UGC NET, among others. He has also provided leadership to Centre for Human Resource Management at TISS for five years and as a Dean, School of Management and Labour ...

AU's PhD and MPhil admissions in limbo
Times of India

The **UGC** has proposed making the national eligibility test (NET) or a state-level test mandatory for universities which don't make the cut or are listed in ... a CGPA of 3.6 on a 4-point scale in 2016 by the **NAAC** after it got 3.65 CGPA in 2008, which accorded full immunity to Andhra University from the **UGC's** ...

सात साल तक कॉलेज और यूनिवर्सिटी को हो सकता है ये ...

Patrika

कॉलेज और विश्वविद्यालयों को राष्ट्रीय प्रत्यायन एवं मूल्यांकन परिषद (**नैक**) की ग्रेड सात साल के लिए देने की शुरुआत जल्द हो सकती है। पहले यह अवधि पांच साल की थी। सात साल की एकमुश्त ग्रेडिंग मिलने से संस्थाओं को शैक्षिक एवं ...

BDU fast-tracks process for **NAAC** accreditation
Times of India

Trichy: Preparations for the third cycle of accreditation to Bharathidasan University from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (**NAAC**) ... in the four point scale is our target, **NAAC**accreditation becomes crucial to claim strategic funding from the University Grants Commission (**UGC**)," he said.