



News of the Week

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Asia embracing Moocs as 'key to social mobility'

Times Higher Education (THE)

Students in Asia are much more embracing of online **higher education** because they realise it is a golden opportunity for them to climb the “social mobility ... Coursera wanted to raise more money from investors it was because demand for its courses “was highest from Latin America, China and **India**”.

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Modi government prepares to change higher education forever in one ...

Economic Times

... '**Higher Education** Evaluation and Regulation Authority, 2018' (HEERA)or **Higher Education** Regulatory Council (HERC), says that once the new regulator is created, existing regulatory authorities such as the University Grants Commission (UGC), All **India** Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and the ...

You cannot fund every university to be as good as Harvard: THE's Phil ...

Business Standard

At the core of a slower growth among **Indian** universities' representation in global rankings used to be a reluctance to share data, especially with overseas ranking agencies. But not anymore, says Phil Baty, Editorial Director - Global Rankings, Times **Higher Education** (THE), known for its annual World ...

PhD Is Now A Must For College Professors: What Does This Mean For ...

ED Times (blog)

This will definitely make me less keen on becoming a professor and that would surely deny the students a deserving lecturer and hence, quality education. Presently, as per the AISHE 2011-12 (All **India** Survey On **Higher Education**) carried out by the MHRD, the student to teacher ratio at institutes of higher ...

'Study in India' Is a Good Initiative but Its Success Is Not Guaranteed

The Wire

There were 47,755 international students in **India** in 2016. This is very low given the enormous size of the **higher education** sector. In contrast, according to data provided by the Ministry of External Affairs, the number of **Indian** students abroad is more than 5.5 lakh, nearly 11x more than the number of ...

DU journals among list of 4000 no longer recognised by UGC

The Indian Express

... recommended by universities as well as those indexed by **Indian** Citation Index on filtering criteria defined by the Standing Committee," UGC said while notifying these journals. Teachers and students have spoken out against the move and said no such restriction can be imposed on **higher education**.

BITS IN NEWS

Apps to locate missing refugees and tackle counterfeit medicine win nyu abu dhabi's international hackathon

Source: <http://al-press.com/index.php/en/2013-02-20-08-59-23/technology/19905-apps-to-locate-missing-refugees-and-tackle-counterfeit-medicine-win-nyu-abu-dhabi-s-international-hackathon>

P&G HR Director moves to a new role

People Matters

Verma brings with him over 30 years of cross-sectoral experience with companies like Hindustan Lever, Nestle and Whirlpool. His international experience spans South East Asia and Europe. He is a Mechanical Engineer from Delhi College of Engineering. He is also on the Board of Governors, **BITS Pilani**.

Will Do My Best Wherever the Govt Posts Me, Says IAS Topper ...

News18

Will Do My Best Wherever the Govt Posts Me, Says IAS Topper Durishetty Anudeep. An OBC candidate, Anudeep has graduated with BE (Electronics & Instrumentation) degree from **BITS, Pilani**. "We are very happy about our son acing the Civil Services 2017," Anudeep's father Manohar said in Karim ...

2 Shimla boys crack IAS exam

The Tribune-28-Apr-2018

Ayush, a passout of St Edward's School, Shimla, and DPS, RK Puram, did his chemical engineering from **BITS-Pilani**. Son of an IFS officer PK Sinha, who retired as Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and nephew of ADGP (law and order) Atul Verma, Ayush had the motivation and inspiration at ...

UPSC results 2017: भाई-बहन ने एक साथ सिविल सेवा परीक्षा ...

Hindustan हिंदी

श्रेयस ने बताया कि 2015 में उन्होंने बिट्स पिलानी से इलेक्ट्रिक एंड इलेक्ट्रॉनिक इंजीनियरिंग की थी। 2016 में सिलि सेो परीक्षा में बैठे थे। पहली बार में इंटरव्यू तक पहुंच गए थे। बेंगलुरु में एक कंपनी में इंजीनियर की नौकरी की ...

Open showcase of student technical projects at BITS Pilani Goa

Gomantak Times

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Vasco: The Department of Computer Science & Information Systems at Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Goa, will organise an open showcase on April 26, from 3:30 pm to 6 pm in Lecture Theatre-4 to exhibit its student projects as a part of SDPD course.

Over 15 projects will be on display, encompassing domains like Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Internet of Things, etc, among others.

The projects on display include: Utilities Application - an android application designed for communication between service providers that delivers products like newspapers, milk, LPG cylinders to their clients.

Smart Hydroponic Farming System - a smart home farming system that will monitor the moisture content, humidity, and temperature of plants in a small area, and resolve any deficiency immediately.

FaceFind-an application that finds missing people with the help of crowdsourcing and computer vision.

ParaDrive-a GPS based ambulance booking application which will send for the nearest ambulance on a click, with the hospital getting the user's location and medical history in the process. **Autonomous Caretaker and Assistant** - an autonomous robot that can search for the subject, record daily schedule, diet, medication and appointments through voice. It also detects falls and alerts

someone in case of an emergency.

StockWiz-a stock market (NSE) based app for general stock information and machine learning generated insights.

Attentive.io-a project which measures the attention-span for each student in the class throughout the duration of the lecture, and later gives the professor an analysis of how many students were active at each point of time during the lecture. **Crime Scene Investigation** using Kinect-a project that generates the 3-D mapping of a crime scene using Microsoft Kinect and the SLAM (Simultaneous Localization and Mapping) algorithm. Major enhancement over existing mapping techniques of taking a photograph or videographing the scene,

both of which cannot give precise depth information of objects.

Meet Inc. - a project that delivers a more realistic feel to the tele-presence conferences by adding depth perception and fully immersive experience for the users.

Interestify-an app that helps users connect with people who share the same interests and facilitates a medium to notify like-minded people about upcoming events. **American Sign Language Translator** - aimed at developing an American Sign Language recognition system that uses Convolution Neural Networks in real time to translate a video of a user's signs into text.

Smart Mirror - a voice controlled personal assistant system behind a mirror that will help manage appointments, give weather forecasts, synchronize the calendar, etc. **WanderBot** - a smart travel assistant that suggests users customised and optimised travel options to take them from any source to any destination at a minimum cost and in the shortest time possible. **Spherical Panoramic Image Viewer - 360o** image viewer app that lets users view a 360o spherical image, with options like scroll, zoom etc. It also allows selection of a specific area in the image and tagging it with textual information that will be publicly available. **VR Walkaround** - n interactive 360o video walkaround on Oculus Rift using touch sensor to provide users with an immersive experience.

UGC, NAAC, AICTE

From 2021, PhD a must for university teachers

Hindustan Times

This person added that the University Grants Commission (UGC) will soon define the minimum qualifications for teachers. ... the chairman of the pay review commission for the seventh Central Pay Commission (CPC), and is the current chairman of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

'Discourage rote learning': AICTE chairman

The Hans India

... Marc Daubach, CRO and SVP-Customer Success, Turnitin LLC, said, "The need of the hour in **Indian** education system is to create the awareness around academic integrity, policy to support for higher returns from genuine **higher education** and research work. The starting points require education across ...

College accreditation norms go for a toss

The Hans India

Similarly, the NBA was established under the All **India** Council of Technical **Education** (AICTE) in 1994. But, it has become an autonomous body since 2010 to certify assurance of quality, the relevance of **education** in professional and technical disciplines of Engineering and Technology, Management, ...

UGC removes many journals from approved list, including EPW online

National Herald

Finally, there is the bread and butter consideration for academics seeking appointment or promotion in **higher education** institutions in **India**. Publication in these journals brings rating points. Those rating points decide relative eligibility and seniority for appointment or promotion in **Indian** colleges or ...

EXCLUSIVE: Crackdown on illegal technical institutes, B-schools soon ...

Moneycontrol.com

Despite blacklists released by bodies like All **India** Council for Technical Education (AICTE), students enroll in large numbers, either unaware of the ... Sources told Moneycontrol that the government through the department of **higher education** will be preparing a final list of the unapproved institutions.