



News of the Week

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HIGHER EDUCATION

DAVV asks colleges to upload details

Times of India

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) initiated an All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) in the year 2010-11 to build a robust ... all the institutions of higher learning in the country and collect the data from all the higher education institutions on various aspects of higher education.

WB Education minister calls a meeting on drop in CU pass count

India Today

Kolkata, Jan 28 (PTI) West Bengal Education minister Partha Chatterjee has called a meeting of Calcutta University vice-chancellor and Higher Education department officials in the wake of the sharp dip in the pass percentage in the 2017 BA and BSc Part I (honours and general) exams. Chatterjee said ...

WB Education minister calls a meeting on drop in CU pass count - Outlook India

Full Coverage

Education empowers individuals and can break the vicious cycle of poverty:

VP M Venkaiah Naidu

The New Indian Express

The Vice-President delivered his address after inaugurating the sixth edition of The New Indian Express' annual education meet. ... and it was decided to make it an annual event wherein the best minds of the country could gather and figure the best way forward for India's higher education system.

Free software initiatives will be extended to higher education in Kerala

The New Indian Express

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The government will extend the benefits of free software initiatives implemented in General Education to the **Higher Education** sector too, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said on Monday. He was inaugurating the completion of the project to convert 45,000 classrooms in 4,775 ...

Lifelong learning? Part-time undergraduate provision is in crisis

Times Higher Education (THE) (blog)

Part-time study can achieve greater social equity by helping individuals escape from low pay and low productivity and by widening **higher education** participation. It gives people a "second chance". Compared with full-time undergraduates, the majority of part-time students are women, aged over 25, who ...

'Despite steps, enrolment of women for higher studies not high ...

The Hindu-

Shashikala Gurupur, director of Symbiosis Law School, Pune, and former member of the Law Commission of India, on Monday expressed regret that despite the steps taken for increasing the enrolment of women for **higher education**, even today the government has not achieved satisfactory results.

Study challenges claims that vc salaries are 'out of kilter'

Times Higher Education (THE)

However, the author of a study submitted to the House of Commons' inquiry into value for money in **higher education** said that the salaries of university leaders are "markedly below the salaries of equivalent public sector positions". The analysis, submitted by Michael Nisbet, a retired management ...

Funding Higher Education

The Lion's Roar Newspaper

"Fundamentally, I believe that greater awareness and vision for the role of **higher education** in preparing the state's workforce for the future is the key," said Braun. "In a society that views institutions of **higher education** with increasing skepticism, we need to make the value proposition of a degree from ...

Higher Education and the Ever-Changing Technological Landscape

columbus underground

It's a changing world out there. Remember when mobile phones became a thing? For younger readers, maybe not. At first they couldn't even send text messages; now they can possess any and every facet of life: address book and agenda, photos of your kid's first steps, social media accounts, banking ...

India: Theory of Evolution Unproven, Says Official in Charge of ...

Newsweek

Satya Pal Singh, a member of parliament and former Mumbai police commissioner, has claimed that Darwin's theories don't have proof to support them, The UK-based Telegraph reports. According to the Ministry's website, Singh is in charge of **higher education**. "Our ancestors haven't mentioned

anywhere ...

Op-Ed: Now's the time for transformation to build excellence in ...

Daily Maverick

The **higher education** sector is in a season of change. This is an uncomfortable time as we grapple with questions such as how institutions will be funded, whether **higher education** can be provided free to all students, and what decolonised education really looks like for different disciplines. Despite the ..

'Higher education enrolment will soon touch 40%'

The Hindu

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said here on Wednesday that his government has taken steps to increase **higher education** enrolment in the State to 40% by laying emphasis on imparting quality education and improving college infrastructure. The **higher education** enrolment rate in India is low when ...

Nearly 85% of higher education candidates not equipped to take ...

Economic Times

While many universities and **higher education** campuses host job fairs that provides recruiters or company representatives to select right set of candidates for future jobs but only a limited set of **higher education** campuses in India host Career Centers with professional career counsellors, right assessment ...

Davos 2018: top universities 'boost innovation more than nations'

Times Higher Education (THE)

A small group of fewer than 30 universities are having a bigger impact on the inventions driving global economic growth than the world's major industrialised nations, a data analysis by Times **Higher Education** suggests. The analysis of patent-citation statistics, carried out in partnership with Elsevier and ...

Plight of Higher Education in Pakistan

The Nation

Despite many tall claims, the **higher education** sector in 2017 could not even maintain its state that it achieved in the preceding years. The **higher education** confronted significant problems including meagre funding, lack of academic freedom, the skimpy infrastructure and most importantly the undemocratic ...

Higher education: Javadekar releases Model Curriculum; 5 lakh ...

United News of India

"It is must to do industrial and social internship for engineering students and it is good that Board of Apprenticeship has created five lakh seats for internship," Mr Javadekar said at an event organized by the All India Council for Technical **Education** to launch model curriculum for different degree courses ...

Pre-Budget Expectations 2018 For Higher Education

India.com

The Budget 2018 should focus on empowering private Deemed to be Universities. The **higher education** landscape in India is undergoing a paradigm shift, with private Deemed to be Universities beginning to make significant contributions in terms of quality and quantity. Some of them have emerged as ...

The university of the future will be interdisciplinary

The Guardian

Inter-departmental rivalries have also long been recognised as a problem for **higher education** management. Rigid departments and administrative systems can be a drag on efforts to innovate. They are the basis of division rather than collaboration, engendering disputes over resourcing and financing.

Hospitality students go abroad most often

Statistics Netherlands (press release) (blog)

yesterday 15:00 Nearly one-quarter of all students who completed **higher education** in the academic year 2015/16 undertook part of their studies abroad. The students most frequently spending time abroad for their studies were hospitality students. This is indicated by new figures released by CBS on the so-called ...

Govt committed to boosting higher education, says Siddaramaiah

Times of India

MYSURU: Affirming his government's intent to provide quality education at all levels, chief minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday pointed out that, while the percentage of students opting for **higher education** in foreign countries including America, was around 80 to 85%, it hovered around 24% in India, and ...

The many problems with a market for higher education

Financial Times

In April this year, the Office for Students will become the “regulator and competition authority” for the English **higher education** sector. The establishment of this authority, complete with its own “chief executive”, captures perfectly the transition of the country's university sector, where income from tuition fees ...

Higher education council to change vacation schedule?

Times of India

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The state **higher education** council has decided to explore the feasibility of replacing the existing two-month summer vacation in ... The governing council of the **higher education** council on Tuesday decided to set up a committee of university pro-vice chancellors to study the ...

[AP Higher Education Department signs MoU with US varsity](#)

[The Hans India](#)

AP **Higher Education** Department signs MoU with US varsity. Visakhapatnam: The AP **Higher Education** Department signed an MoU with Youngstown State University, USA, here on Thursday. According to the MoU, the Youngstown State University would offer the discount on the fee whoever joins the ...

[Private higher education leaders outraged over proposal to cut state ...](#)

[wivb.com](#)

BUFFALO, N.Y. (WIVB) — Private college leaders across the state are doubting Governor Andrew Cuomo's commitment to **higher education**. The governor is proposing eliminating a program that provides more than \$30 million in state aid to private colleges and universities. The financial support program, ...

[Kerala: Higher education survey on anvil](#)

[Deccan Chronicle](#)

Thiruvananthapuram: The Kerala State **Higher Education** Council will undertake a state-level **higher education** survey on the model of the all-India survey on **higher education**. The details of **higher education** institutions in the state will be collected using various parameters. The survey would try to identify ...

BITS IN NEWS

[Indian couple selected for Climate Force Antarctica Expedition](#)

[The Indian Express](#)

Post the expedition, the couple plans to create community awareness and impact through chalk talks and blog, empower youth through schools and youth communities and empower women to dream big and realise their potential. Akshat and Sona pursued Engineering from **BITS Pilani**. Post that, Akshat ...

[An explorer of fantasies](#)

[Deccan Chronicle](#)

The novelist was in the city recently for the literature fest of **BITS Pilani** Hyderabad, called 'Verba Maximus'. He spoke exclusively to DC about the kind of research that goes into his books and why he always renders his stories realistic. Having written many historic-mythological fictions, Christopher feels that ...

Dr Ajay Sharma appointed VC of Punjab Technical University

The Tribune

Sharma received his BE in Electronics and Electrical Communication Engineering from Panjab University, Chandigarh, in 1986, MS in Electronics and Control from Birla Institute of Technology (**BITS**), **Pilani**, in 1994 and PhD in Electronics Communication and Computer Engineering in 1999. (Follow The ...

UpGrad sees potential in Hyderabad for e-learning

Telangana Today

These tests will be graded and validated by partner educational institutions," says Mayank Kumar, founder and managing director of UpGrad. The company has tied up with a handful of institutions, including **BITS Pilani** (Hyderabad campus) and international ones like Cambridge. The course contents are ...

These three young techies gave wings to Maharashtra's start-up policy

Hindustan Times

Tanmay Pai, former IIT Chennai engineer, along with Umesh Balwani and Vivek Chirania, former engineers from **BITS Pilani**, engaged with more than 100 stakeholders, including young entrepreneurs, some from their alumni and friend circle, besides angel investors and think-tanks, before finalising the ...

This Bangalore-based startup promises to solve all inefficiencies for ...

Economic Times

The IIT and **BITS-Pilani** alumnus claims that "quality is the defining characteristic of Locus.sh", which promises to solve any inefficiencies for a logistics company, offering them the entire tech stack needed for an operation. "L here stands for the best-in-line technology in supply chain," he says. "Instead of just ...

UPSC second ranker to get Prez honour

The Tribune

... President Ram Nath Kovind to honour him for his achievement at Rashtrapati Bhavan on January 26. A resident of Green Avenue, Bedi has done his B.Tech in computer science from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science (**BITS**), **Pilani**, Rajasthan His father Dr Sarabjit Singh Bedi, an academician, ...

Fund crunch at NITs deprives 2000 students of scholarship

Deccan Herald

The Joint Admission Board (JAB) of the IITs (Indian institutes of Technology) has invited **BITs Pilani** to come on board to accept the JEE scores. "The Ministry is in process of formulating guidelines for inclusion of self-financed technical institutes in the list of those accepting the JEE score for admission of ...

Big Data certifications that can bolster your career graph

YourStory.com

Through a collaboration with **BITS Pilani**, the platform offers a solid foundation and industry experience with its Big Data programme and its comprehensive curriculum. Ronnie is confident about the future of these educational experiences and wants users to fully explore its depths through UpGrad. “Our goal is to significantly ...

This QA company is helping startups break away from the traditional ...

YourStory.com

The founder highlights that the company's core team is mostly from **BITS Pilani**. They have all been friends since college, and went on their own paths in the professional world after graduation. However, since their ideologies matched, and visions and passions were similar, Mukesh says it was easy to ...

बिरला शिक्षण संस्थान का स्थापना दिवस व वार्षिक ...

दैनिक भास्कर

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Khaleej Times

Monday, January 29, 2018

Dance Crews Here to Stay

DANCE CREWS: HERE TO STAY



What began as a labour of love of the students at *BITS Pilani* in 2015 has now branched out as an independent hip hop dance crew, whose members identify themselves as the **Monster Crew**. They have represented the UAE in a street dance competition in Australia and bagged the first position in the reality show, *Dance+ 2 UAE*.

Yet another university production, Hardeep Singh started **Pure Bhangra** along side a regular day job. He realised that dance — *bhangra* (a Punjabi folk dance) — was his calling after an audition at his university. The crew was featured in Farah Khan's movie *Happy New Year*; majority of which was shot in the UAE. "It was initially decided that we star as a competing team in the movie. However, that changed when the crew realised that there need not be two Indian teams, and we were

roped in as background dancers," says Hardeep. After carving their identity as a professional dance crew in the past eight years, **Showstoppers** launched their own dance studio. They conduct corporate and wedding choreography, and rope in celebrity choreographers to train their students.

Nrithyanganas is an up-and-coming lyrical *kathak* crew that was formed in November 2017, and bases itself on the *guru-shishya* (teacher-student) relationship led by Vishaka Verma. Despite their busy schedules, different lifestyles and varied backgrounds, they come together over their passion for dance. **OverBoys All Stars** took their love for b-boying or breaking to the stage with *Arabs Got Talent*, *NSA Dubai World Series Finals*, and other major events in the UAE. They were also part of a Telegu music video that was shot in Dubai.

News on UGC, NAAC

'Autonomous status for grade A colleges'

The Statesman

Colleges that have secured a minimum 'A' grade by National Accreditation Assessment Council (**NAAC**) shall only be granted 'autonomous status', the revised guidelines of University Grants Commission (**UGC**) has outlined. In its revised guidelines of autonomous colleges, **UGC** has pushed for greater ...

Mangaluru: SAC to organise annual food fest 'Khadya Sangam' in ...

Daijiworld.com

The college has been reaccredited for the third cycle by **NAAC** with A grade (CGPA 3.62) and recognized by **UGC** as a 'College with Potential for Excellence'. It has been ranked at 44 by NIRF, ministry of HRD, Government of India for the year 2016-17. It has been approved as 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya ...

Govt Colleges set to face fund crisis

Daily Pioneer

In absence of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (**NAAC**) certification, vital funding from the Union Government and University Grants Commission (**UGC**) to most of the degree and Post Graduate (PG) colleges of the State would get stalled. The Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), ...

ICFAI Business School Wins Two Prizes in International Case ...

Siliconindia.com

About ICFAI Business School: The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE) is a Deemed-to-be University under section 3 of the **UGC** Act 1956. ... **NAAC**, an autonomous institute of University Grants Commission has also accredited The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (Deemed to be ...

New UGC rules permit third-party agencies to accredit higher ...

The Indian Express

Agencies other than the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) will soon be able to evaluate **higher education** institutions as the University Grants Commission (UGC) has passed a new regulation permitting their entry. The new rules, which ...