



# News of the Week

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

### Monday Musings: Who will fix the rot in higher education?

Hindustan Times

Governments come and governments go, but do they make a difference to the rot in the privatised **higher education** in the country? ... Responding to the financial crisis at Sinhgad, the AICTE (All **India** Council for Technical Education), last week, imposed a ban on fresh admissions at 22 Sinhgad institutes.

### Higher Education: Privatisation is Not the Solution

League Of India

The Consultation Paper on **Higher Education in India** and GATS prepared by the Department of Commerce states that higher education can be made both excludable and rivalrous if we relax the assumption of government provision, and therefore it qualifies as a tradable service. This is clearly contradictory to the stated ...

### Increased hiring in higher education portfolios by 12 % in 5 years ...

ANI News

New Delhi [**India**], Feb 09 (ANI-NewsVair): A joint initiative of Wheebox, a Global Talent Assessment Company, PeopleStrong, a leading HR Tech Company and Confederation of **Indian** Industry (CII) was launched by Principal Adviser and Of NitiAayog along with secretaries of Dept. of Industrial Policy, Micro, Small ...

[Report highlights revival of hiring intent, employability in higher ...](#)

The Hans India

### India has 42 universities in Asia rankings but widening gender gap ...

ThePrint

The good news is **India's** representation in the annual universities' ranking has improved to 42 (out of 350 in Asia) from last year's 33, according to the Times **Higher Education** rankings released this week. Also, seven **Indian** universities, including five IITs, have made it to the top 100 universities in Asia.

## Employability in higher education achieves 5.6 pc rise: Study

United News of India

Employability in **higher education** achieves 5.6 pc rise: Study. New Delhi, Feb 9 (UNI) Employability ... 60 per cent this year, according to a study. The study was conducted by a joint initiative of Confederation of **Indian** Industry (CII) and Wheebox, a Global Talent Assessment Company, PeopleStrong.

## Israel – 'The Startup Nation', Lessons For India

Swarajya

On a related note, it is worthwhile to mention that Israel has started attracting a good number of **Indian** students in **higher education** (Now at about 1,000 – still significantly smaller than the number that goes to U.S...but rising). The Israeli education system encourages a culture of risk taking and asking ...

## Teaching assistant robots will reinvent academia

Times Higher Education (THE) (blog)

Just consider that by 2020, it is predicted that the number of students in **higher education** in China and **India** combined will have breached 60 million. A booming sector combined with the potential for technological disruption has left some UK university leaders feeling anxious, with the annual PA Consulting ...

## Budget 2018: How Jaitley turned classroom blackboards into 'digital ...

Business Standard

Unlike previous years, when the government's push remained on improving the standard of **higher education** and increasing access to education, this time ... Since, due to **India's** geographical expanse and socio-economic conditions the average quality education at primary and secondary school levels is ...

## New proposal by UGC for PHD candidates, asks for feedback

India Today

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked for the feedback from various stakeholders on its new regulations for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in universities and colleges. These regulations exempt candidates who have been awarded PhD from having NET qualification for ...

## Indian colleges' global rankings show why we need more researchers

Business Standard

If this is done, rankings will follow. Mohandas Pai is Chairman of Manipal Global Institution and former director of Infosys Dr Karthick Sridhar, vice-chairman of **Indian**Centre for Academic Rankings & Excellence (ICARE) is an acknowledged thought leader in **higher education** with special interest in global ...

## After 'Make in India', Modi govt to promote 'Study in India'

ThePrint

'Study in **India**', to be piloted by the Prakash Javadekar-led human resource development ministry, will showcase 115 educational institutes, including the IITs and IIMs, as ideal destinations for **higher education**. While SAT scores will determine admissions, considerable fee waivers are also planned to ...

## Study reveals 67 pc Indian students discontent with present ...

United News of India

Chennai, Feb 13 (UNI) A study on the conditions prevailing in the **higher education** framework points out that 67 per cent of **Indian** university students ... These students argued that despite knowing that **higher education** was a key element in equipping them with high-level skills and attributes, there was not ...

## Towards edu evolution

Daily Pioneer

Apart from existing non-literate population, two broad categories require serious policy deliberations; school and **higher education**. ... Prior to NMP, the education system in **India** has witnessed two fundamental shifts, in 1976 by transferring from State list to Concurrent List and 2009 RTE Act giving a right ...

## Anna University VC to head AICTE South Regional Committee

The New Indian Express

In addition, presidents of All **India** Manufacturers Organisations, CII and FICCI, Heads of College of Pharmacy and Mother Theresa Post Graduate and ... The 17-member committee also includes Director of Board of Apprenticeship Training, TN's **Higher Education** Secretary, Puducherry's Technical ...

## ASEAN; new game for India, China

State Times

In education, there are scholarships and exchange programmes for Asean students for **higher education** at Nalanda University and **Indian** universities. **India** is also supporting setting up Centres of Excellence in Software Development and Training, training of English teachers, e-Network for provision of ...

## Merit sermon from minister

The Telegraph

But several private engineering institutes are accused of charging as high as Rs 8 to 10 lakh per seat , a senior official of the **higher education** department said. Private institutes are empowered to fix their management quota seats and the government does not have any plans to interfere in fees for such ...

## Liberating India's best colleges: HRD minister Javadekar has just ...

Times of India (blog)

On the heels of a pragmatic Budget, the human resource development (HRD) minister Prakash Javadekar has now announced the most far-reaching reforms in **higher education**. One of us (Panagariya) had lamented for long that the reforms in this important area had been cursed, with HRD minister after ...

## The challenge of education in India

Business Standard

Amidst all the commotion about the focus on the agriculture sector and the seeming neglect of the middle classes, education did manage to get some attention of the Finance Minister this year. To enhance quality of **higher education in India**, the government plans to launch the "Revitalising Infrastructure ...

## UMass Amherst Professor of Education Shares Research on ...

UMass News and Media Relations

The Inclusive Universities research, sponsored by the U.S. **India** Education Foundation, emphasizes the importance of making **higher education** accessible to all in order to keep up with the shifting demographics of **India's** college-age population of 16- to 25-year-olds. It notes that the student population ...

## Compulsory attendance at JNU: Students union and teachers ...

Firstpost

It is a pity for the **Indian** education system that rather than following the successful model of JNU, which kept its high ranking over the years, UGC has always had to force attendance on students. This, even though forced attendance has given us nothing but a deteriorating **higher education** system.

## Autonomy in Higher Education

Daily Excelsio

In order to achieve the desired economic growth, human resource development has to play a significant role in the context of competitive global scenario. **Indian higher education** system has come a long way after independence and the same has been contributing in the overall socio-economic ...

## A deepening crisis

The Hindu

By any standards, **India** is more prosperous today and people's aspirations are **higher**. **Education** is valued across different sections and strata. Despite this favourable social climate, education has failed to become a matter of national concern. Every year, the Union Budget indicates that it is not a high ...

## India: The Challenge Of Education – Analysis

Eurasia Review

**India** has the third largest **higher education** system in the world, and is behind only the US and China in this area. Our higher educational institutions churn out around 2.5 million graduates every year. However, this caters to just about 10 per cent of **India's** youth and the quality of this output is considered ...

## IIT Madras to coordinate international project on Smart Cities

India Education Diary

Chennai: **Indian** Institute of Technology Madras is coordinating an international project on 'Smart Cities' with leading **Indian** and European Technical **HigherEducation** Institutions. The Institute has taken up this initiative as part of the Heritage Network, an Indo-European network of twenty leading Technical ...

## Not sharing data? HRD may slash funds to higher education ...

Hindustan Times

HRD may slash funds to **higher education** institutions ... The human resource development ministry may slash funding to higher educational institutions in the country if they don't provide all the information sought under the National Institution ... The NIRF will announce its all-**India** rankings this April.

## How private universities affect higher-education opportunities in India

Business Standard

The year was 2005 and the month, May. A student who should've been out celebrating her spectacular class XII results had, instead, buried her face in a pillow to muffle the wailing. Even with an aggregate of 93 per cent, her chances of getting into a "respectable" college for the honours course at Delhi ...

## Making up for lost time

The Hindu

With declining interest in Britain and some uncertainty over the U.S.'s policies, **Indian** students have begun heading for vocational and **higher education** to Canada in larger numbers. An added attraction for them is that Canada routinely provides a three-year work visa upon completion of studies, which ...

## Creative Labour, the Private University and why the Attendance ...

The Wire

The question of regulating attendance, however, merits a wider discussion, as it moulds our vision for **education** at large. The present crisis therefore is not just a 'JNU issue'. Over the last three decades, the educational landscape of **India** has transformed dramatically. Private institutions and universities ...

## **BITS IN NEWS**

### **बिट्स के छात्र डवलपमेंट इंडिया में प्रथम रहे ...**

दैनिक भास्कर

प्रतियोगिता में बिट्स टीम के छात्र अनमोल सिंघल, सौरभ, मनीष राजे व निश्चय सिंह ने भाग लेते हुए 24 घंटों में एक ऐसा प्रोटोटाइप विकसित किया। इससे वाहनों को इनफ्रारेड के माध्यम से सड़क पर पैदल चलने वालों का पता लगाने में मदद ...

### **मुखर्जी को मिला बेस्ट प्रोजेक्ट अवार्ड**

दैनिक भास्कर

जिसमें बिट्स के छात्र मुखर्जी ने स्मार्ट एवं शहरी परिवहन प्रणालियों पर प्रोजेक्ट प्रस्तुत किया। उनके प्रोजेक्ट को प्रथम पुरस्कार के लिए चुना गया। जिस पर फ्रांस के राजदूत एलेक्जेंडर जिग्गलर, पांडिचेरी की उप राज्यपाल डॉ. किरण ...

### **How Shashikant Khandelwal is making Facebook ads relevant for ...**

YourStory.com

His previous startup TheFind.com, one of the world's largest shopping search engine, was acquired by Facebook in 2015. He's now working on making Facebook ads relevant for its more than a billion users by leveraging what he built at TheFind. A **BITS Pilani** and Stanford alumnus, Shashikant is a living ...

### **Schaeffler India starts 'Open Inspiration', a platform for engineering ...**

Economic Times

Students from institutes like **BITS Pilani**, Maharashtra Institute of Technology Pune, SRM Institute of Science & Tech Chennai, Army Institute of Technology Pune, Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology Delhi, Birla Institute of Technology Patna, PVPIT Pune, MITCOE Pune, VIT Pune, Vellore Institute of ...

### **Experts to explore ways to judiciously use water**

The Navhind Times

Dedicated sessions for students from Goa Engineering College, Don Bosco, Goa University, **BITS Pilani** and budding water professionals will be held. An exhibition with stalls pertaining to latest products in the field of water and waste water will also be organised at the convention. Please like & share: ...

### **NRI Voice: A Musical Journey in Melbourne**

Little India

The Chennai-born, **BITS Pilani** graduate talks to Little India about his musical journey and efforts to popularize Indian classical music in Australia. Love for Music. Violin and music define who I am. It is an integral part of me. My parents initiated me into the Carnatic style of music on the violin when I was 8 ...

### **दो दोस्त, दो साल, 200 ब्रांड और 20 देशों में कारोबार**

दैनिक जागरण

हम बात कर रहे हैं, आइआईटी आइएसएम (इंडियन स्कूल ऑफ माइन्स) धनबाद से बीटेक किरण कोलीसेटी और बीआईटी पिलानी से बीटेक प्रमोद पंचागनुला की। इन दोनों की जोड़ी अब ई-कॉमर्स व्यवसाय में कूदी है। 2016 में 'स्केल लैब' कंपनी बनाकर ...

## 'Goa to explore installing supercomputers in colleges'

Times of India

"We are in talks with **BITS Pilani**, Goa. This shows the high potential for this machine here," he said. Get latest news & live updates on the go on your pc with News App. Download The Times of India news app for your device. Read more Home news in English and other languages. RELATED. India's fastest ...

## 25 की उम्र में IAS बन गई थी बेटी, होटल में मिली अफसर ...

दैनिक भास्कर

13 अगस्त 1988 को जन्मी कृतिका ने B.Tech की पढ़ाई **बिट्स पिलानी** से की और अपने पिता से प्रेरित होकर सिविल सर्विस में जाने का सोचा। - उनके पिता आरएस नरेंद्र कुल्हरी स्वायत्त शासन विभाग, बीकानेर में रीजनल डिप्टी डायरेक्टर थे।

## DESC cyber security innovation competition gets strong response

ITP.net

The competition has received participation proposals from prestigious regional and global universities, which include Zayed University, Heriott Watt University Dubai, University of Wollongong, **BITS Pilani**, University of Dubai, University of Sharjah, Amity University, American University of Sharjah and ...

## News about UGC, NAAC

### Three Tamil Nadu varsities enter elite UGC category

Times of India

The notification classifies a university as Category-I if it has a National Assessment and Accreditation Council (**NAAC**) accredited score above 3.51 or has received corresponding accreditation grade or score from a reputed agency empaneled by **UGC** or is ranked in the top 500 of reputed world rankings ...

[UGC Notifies Regulatory Framework For Grant Of Graded Autonomy](#)

NDTV

[Varsities can start new centres, hire foreign faculty — but with own ...](#)

The Hindu

[UGC notifies regulation for grant of graded autonomy to universities](#)

Deccan Herald

## **Liberating India's best colleges: HRD minister Javadekar has just ...**

Times of India (blog)

Recommendations by Niti committee in a third area, accreditation, have received approval by **UGC** but await a nod from the HRD ministry. GARs break away from decades long tradition of one-size-fits-all regulations for our universities. Based on National Assessment and Accreditation Council (**NAAC**) ...

## **PhD must for post of associate prof: UGC draft regulations**

The Indian Express

A minimum of 55 per cent marks at the Masters level for direct teaching recruitment, a compulsory PhD to be promoted as associate professor and no study leave to pursue PhD — these are some of guidelines in the University Grants Commission (**UGC**) 2018 draft regulations on minimum qualification for ...

## **बड़ी खबर : सरकार ने बदले शिक्षक भर्ती के नियम, अब ...**

Patrika

यूजीसी के अनुसार, यूनीवर्सिटी I के लिए यदि 3.5 या उससे अधिक के स्कोर के साथ **NAAC** द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त हो गई है. या फिर अगर ... यूनीवर्सिटी II के लिए **NAAC** द्वारा 3.01 और 3.4 9 के बीच के स्कोर के साथ मान्यता प्राप्त की हो. या फिर ...

## **UGC nod to Kakatiya University's distance education courses**

Telangana Today

Speaking to Telangana Today, Director of the SDLCE, Prof Ch Dinesh Kumar said that the DEB had accorded permission to the universities that had got the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (**NAAC**) grade with the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.26. "As the Kakatiya University ...

## **NAAC accredited universities no longer need UGC nod to start new ...**

Hindustan Times

Universities that have a National Assessment and Accreditation Council (**NAAC**) score of more than 3.26 (out of 4) will be able to start new courses, department or centres without the approval from University Grants Commission (**UGC**), provided they arrange funds on their own. This new rule is part of the ...

## **UGC to grant autonomous status to best performing colleges**

THE WEEK

Colleges with a ranking of 3.51 and above in the National Assessment and Accreditation Council's (**NAAC**) 4-point scale will be considered for grant of autonomous status for 10 years without an on-site visit by an expert committee. Colleges will continue to get **UGC** grants even after getting autonomous ...



## 'Category I' status for Alagappa varsity

The Hindu

Alagappa University, Karaikudi, has been granted the status of category – I university by the University Grants Commission (**UGC**) based on the 3.64 CGPA (cumulative grade points average) secured by the institution in the third cycle of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (**NAAC**) visit.

## UGC Draft Regulation 2018: Graduation Marks, Working Hours, Ph.D For Associate Professors Invite Criticism

- NDTV <https://www.ndtv.com/education/ugc-draft-regulation-on-appointments-graduation-marks-working-hours-ph-d-for-associate-professors-in-1814077>

## UGC drafts new regulations for appointment of teachers

Hindustan Times

The UGC's proposed regulations (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in universities and colleges and measures for the maintenance of standards in **higher education**, 2018) lay down the minimum qualifications for appointment and other service conditions of ...