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## IIT FEES HIKE: JUMP FROM RS 90,000 A YEAR TO RS 2 LAKH

The Union ministry of Human Resources Development (HRD) has just announced that the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) will increase their annual tuition fees from Rs 90,000 to Rs 2 lakhs. "A decision to hike the fees over two-fold has been taken by the HRD Ministry following a proposal by an IIT panel," a senior official of the HRD Ministry said.

## TOP NAAC GRADE MAY EARN COLLEGES AUTONOMY: GOVERNMENT

Bengaluru: Colleges which have bagged high National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) ratings for 10 consecutive years can apply for autonomous status, Union HRD minister Smriti Irani said here. All they need is a nod from their respective universities.

Smriti Irani was in Bengaluru for a conference on higher education. She was responding to the recommendations made by the event organizer, Education Promotion Society of India.

The minister said technical universities needn't seek yearly approvals from now on. At present, nearly 300 universities have to approach the All India Council for Technical Education every year.

"When an institute gets NAAC accreditation for five years, it will also get AICTE approval for five years" Smriti Irani.

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## PM MODI WANTS OVERHAUL OF HIGHER EDUCATION REGULATORS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked for a new body to subsume the present higher education regulators and the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog has been told to suggest a new framework after consulting stakeholders.

A NITI Aayog functionary said replacing the existing higher education regulatory bodies -- University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), National Council for Teacher's Education (NCTE) and Medical Council of India (MCI) -- was on the agenda of the committee's discussions.

The existing bodies could be replaced by a National Commission for Higher Education, whose operational framework would be formulated by the NITI Aayog panel whose members include health secretary PK Mishra and NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant.

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## ANNUAL RANKING FOR VARSITIES FROM NEXT YEAR

The government has decided to rank every university and college from next year in an annual exercise that should help parents and students make an informed choice while applying to institutes of higher learning. The decision to rank every university and college emerged a day after the government released the country's first-ever ranking of educational institutes that, however, didn't include general colleges.

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