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## **SKILL-BASED TRAINING TO BE THE BACKBONE OF MAKE-IN-INDIA'**



### **WHAT IS BEHIND THE GROWING DEMAND FOR SKILLS-BASED EDUCATION?**

Education is increasingly recognized as the most valuable investment we can make in youth globally. At the highest level, the goal of that education is to improve lives. As participation rates expand, governments, donors, and education

partners must ask,

### **Are we improving the lives of the students we reach as we enroll more of them?**

Skills are key to both formal and informal employment, and to economic growth more broadly. Non-cognitive, or “soft” skills are increasingly accepted as critical to workforce success. Perhaps surprisingly, they are even more important in the informal economy, which is the economy that will include the vast majority of African youth, who will in turn comprise 50% of global youth by 2050.

### **Govt to expand skill-based education, says Sonowal**

The Assam state CM, M Sarbananda Sonowal said “His government's priority was to expand skill-based education for which a separate department would be created. We need to build a society based on values, honesty, and truth. Education is

### **Will Give Emphasis on Skill-Based education: Rajesh Tope**

There will be a need of 5 crore skilled manpower in 2022. To promote skill education, to increase its quality we have proposed the 'Maharashtra Vocational Education Law.' If this law is implemented, then skilled

the way we can create the state of our dreams”.

education will get a boost, Higher and Technical Education Minister, Rajesh Tope told the 'Maharashtra's Expectations' initiative.

## **Scheme for Incentivizing State Governments for Expansion of Higher Education Institutions**

A scheme is being introduced by MHRD for incentivizing States for establishing new higher educational institutions/expanding existing higher educational institutions. This new Scheme will provide central assistance to the State Governments in the ratio of 1:2 (1:1 for Special Category States) for establishing new higher educational institutions/expanding existing higher educational institutions. The physical targets for XI Plan and XII Plan include new universities, colleges, engineering colleges as well as expansion of existing colleges.

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## **HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR IN INDIA FACES NUMEROUS CHALLENGES TODAY: PRESIDENT PRANAB MUKHERJEE**

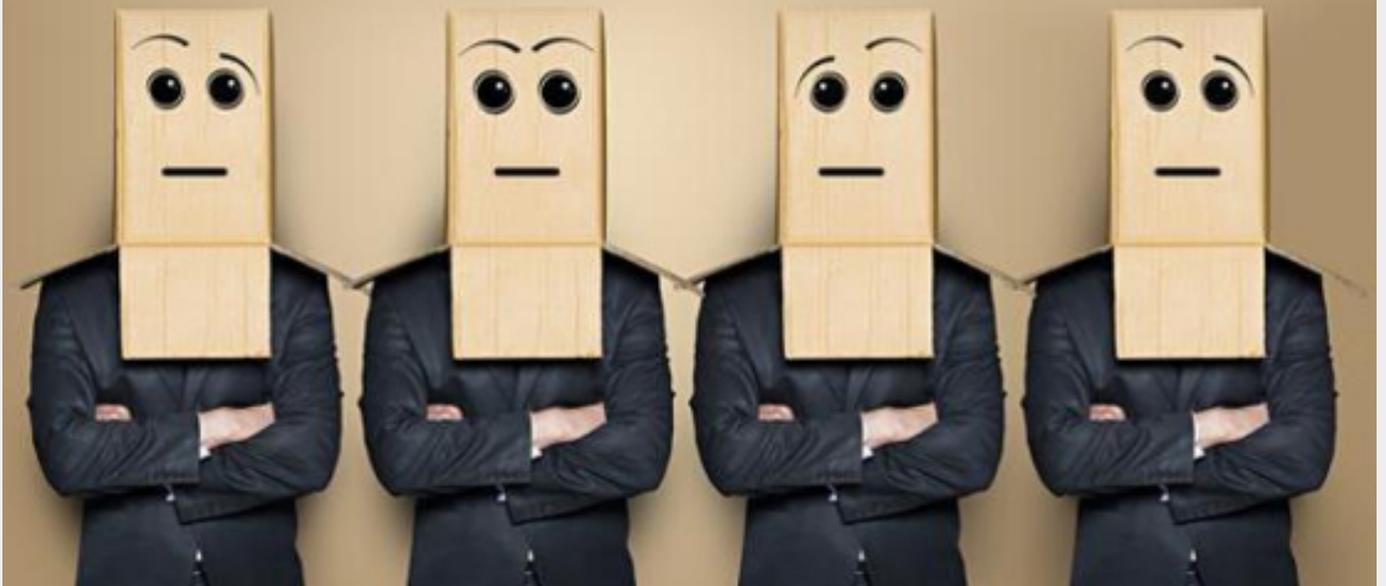


The higher education sector in India faces numerous challenges today. On the one hand, there is need for increasing access and making education affordable. On the other, there is need to ensure quality and pursue excellence,"

"The developmental challenges faced by our country call for an inspired response from the higher education system. Quality and relevant research can help tide over our socio-economic problems," said the President while stressing on the need to adopt a multi-disciplinary approach.

Calling for skill development initiatives on a massive scale, the President said that "demographic dividend can occur only if greater number of competent and skilled professionals is produced by our higher educational and technical institutions".

## Can India have a future without critical thinkers?



**As the MHRD considers a new education policy it must recognize that the degree of conformity it expects of students is unlikely to produce the thinkers that India needs to be a great power.**

 **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR EVOLUTION OF THE NEW EDUCATION POLICY**

**FINDINGS:**

- Serious concerns about the quality of education at all levels. The system of higher education is in crisis.
- Lack of competent teachers in government schools, absenteeism is rife
- Urgent need to focus on improving quality of teacher training and education
- Political patronage and interference endemic in education sector
- Most children fail to acquire minimum levels of skills and knowledge

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

 **SCHOOLS**

- Use IT to track, teach, train and monitor students and teachers
- Make teacher appointments transparent through entrance tests and recruitment commissions
- Introduce four-year integrated BA/BSc, BEd courses to improve teacher quality
- No-detention policy in schools to continue till Class 5 (not Class 8)
- Medium of education till Class 5 should be in the mother tongue or a regional language
- All government primary schools must have pre-primary facilities for children aged 4-5

 **HIGHER EDUCATION**

- Amend examination system to test understanding, not merely ability to reproduce text books
- Reduce number of entrance tests through national-level tests
- Mid-Day meals to be extended to secondary schools
- Depoliticise process of selecting Vice Chancellors
- Use rigorous accreditation process to weed out substandard higher education institutions
- Self-imposed restrictions on political activity on campus. De-recognise student groups based on caste and religion

 **GOVERNANCE**

- Facilitate creation of 100 centres of excellence in higher education
- Establish a National Fellowship Fund for 10 lakh students in higher education
- Allocate 6% of GDP to education
- A new National Higher Education Promotion and Management Act to establish norms for evaluating higher education institutions
- Establish a Standing Education Commission as a thinktank for HRD Ministry
- Create an Indian Education Service that will oversee education policy in the Centre and States

## Ionidea new wins in OBE space

**Ionidea Bagged orders from 2 Autonomous Engineering Colleges in south India during July-Aug 2016.**

- **Hyderabad Institute of Technology**



and Management (HITAM),  
Hyderabad  
• Vardhaman College of Engineering,  
Hyderabad



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