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Full autonomy on cards for top higher educational institutes

India's top-tier educational institutions could soon get full autonomy under a major structural reforms blueprint that seeks to do away with



Higher education through digital transformation the only way forward in Young India

World over universities are disrupting and innovating on teaching and learning pedagogues. But in India,

outdated regulations and assure quality higher education.

Some of the immediate measures include granting graded autonomy to universities, opening up the accreditation process to third-party agencies via Accreditation Advisory Council and improving effectiveness of UGC's existing scheme for autonomous colleges.

Measures to improve quality of PhDs, facilitate academic collaborations with foreign educational institutions and allow top institutes to run online and ODL (open and distance learning) programmes without territorial restrictions are other ideas on the table

The committee has recommended classifying educational institutions into three categories based on the NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) accreditation score.

The idea is to introduce a three-tier autonomy mechanism, as per which the top-ranked institutions will get

universities are still characterized by impractical learning, out-of-touch faculty, exorbitant fees (in private universities) and diminishing employment as job seekers outnumber opportunities.

Online learning is such a technology-enabled option that is making the world reconsider higher education models. Indian universities have talented faculty and good students, but suffer from slow processes, non-digital pedagogues, and theoretical rather than experiential learning.

According to Ryan Craig ('College Disrupted: The Great Unbundling of Higher Education') students may one day find they don't need a Bachelor's degree to become employable. Thus, self-paced and re-bundling of short courses could soon make the traditional degree college experience sound as "old-fashioned and elitist."

It is now important to move towards blended online learning or 'flipping class room' where we have more e-material, audio and video

full academic, administrative and financial autonomy.

lectures on line and more case studies, projects and practical experiential learning.

QS Asia University Rankings 2018: IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Madras Ranked Among Top 50

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) has moved one step up from 35th rank last year to 34th rank this year in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asia



University Rankings. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi was ranked 41 and IIT Madras was placed in rank 48 in the QS Asia University Rankings 2018. IISc Bangalore, IIT Kanpur, IIT Kharagpur, University of Delhi, IIT Roorkee and IIT Guwahati also found their place in to 100 this year.

QS Asia University Rankings 2018: Top 10

NTU, Singapore which is renowned for being among the world's best universities for engineering and technology, rose two spots from last year to be placed in the leading position of the QS Asia University league table ahead of 400 universities in Asia.

"NTU has made fantastic progress, having risen from No. 14 when the QS Asian rankings began in 2009. The latest rankings are an outstanding achievement and strong endorsement of NTU's excellent reputation built up over the years, and I wish to thank the entire NTU community for their contributions," NTU President, Professor Bertil Anderson said.



PM Modi's Rs 10,000 crore plan for Indian universities: 10 points

At the celebrations of Patna University, PM Narendra Modi announced plans to grant autonomy and Rs 10,000 crore to top 10 public and 10 private universities to make them world-class. He also laid foundation stones for projects totaling Rs 3,700 crore in state capital Patna.

Following are the highlights:

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the Centre has decided to give autonomy and Rs 10,000 crore to 20 leading universities in the country over the next five years to make them world-class.
2. It was a "blot" that Indian educational institutions do not figure among the top 500 of the world, when in the past, the Nalanda and Takshashila universities attracted students from all over the world.
3. The government has come up with a scheme to make ten private and ten public universities world-class by providing them autonomy from the constraints of government rules and freedom to grow.

4. The universities will be a selected on the basis of a challenge in which they will be required to prove their mettle. The selection will be based on factors such as history, performance and its roadmap reach global benchmarks. A third party professional agency will be involved in the selection process."

5. Observing that reforms in the country's education sector have progressed at a slow speed, the Prime Minister urged universities to move from conventional teaching to innovative learning and said there was need for students to "un-learn, de-learn and re-learn".

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