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## **Educational institutions should have innovation chapters: Chandrababu Naidu**



Emphasising on the need for new research, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said that every university or educational institution should have a special 'innovation chapter' in it.

"Every high school should have a innovation chapter, every university should have an innovation chapter. He said that world over huge companies have come up, ranging from IT giants to other service providers, only on the basis of innovations. Naidu also mentioned some of the innovations applied by his government like utilising power infrastructure to carry fibre lines to reduce costs.

The Andhra Pradesh CM said that steps have been taken to improve student faculty ratio (SFR) in higher education by the state government.

The state government, has undertaken several initiatives focusing on strengthening State Universities, establishing premier national institutes and also attracting private sector investments into higher education sector. "Besides this, we have setup a 25-member State Knowledge Advisory Board with eminent educators, industrialist and academicians from across the Globe to help formulate and implement a road map for higher education in the state," he added.

## **Britain Calls For Stronger Educational Ties With India**

**"The future of science and innovation depends on collaboration and India continues to be a vital science partner**



**for the UK," said British Science Minister Jo Johnson.**

Britain announced a slew of initiatives for India and reiterated the centrality of education to holistic growth and called for strengthening of India-UK ties. He also announced the launch of a report on "the future of design education in India".

British Council Director Alan Gemmell said: "The partnership between UK and India cuts across all segments of the education sector, therefore there is a need to bring together the best practices from both countries to strengthen this bond."

With an aim to reach out to digital natives, the campaign "Study UK: Discover You" channels will reflect the importance of online research and social media in students' decision making.

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## **Allow foreign university campuses, says Niti Aayog**

The report has justified NITI Aayog's support for the proposal on the ground that foreign universities will help meet the demand for higher education in the country, increase competition and subsequently improve standards of higher education.



NITI Aayog has suggested three routes to permit entry of foreign education providers: a new law to regulate the operation of such universities in the country; an amendment to the UGC Act of 1956 and deemed university regulations to let them in as deemed universities; and, facilitating their entry by tweaking UGC and AICTE regulations on twinning arrangements between Indian and foreign institutions to permit joint ventures.

"India stands to gain from setting up of foreign universities in terms of availability of resources both human and financial, state-of-the-art teaching methodology, research and innovation..."

There are currently 651 foreign education providers in India which have either entered into collaborative twinning programmes, share faculty with partnering institutions and offering distance education.



## **The Earlier We Start, the Better We Are**

Globalization is a reality and we live in a global village. There is a huge merit in understanding and appreciating diversity through education and experiences. Many foreign universities have already started functioning and many are in the pipeline to establish their centers in India. This will be good for students, as they will have more choice at every stage of their educational life.

**Internationalization is a two way street - global institutions setting up operations to tap the market for students in India as well as leading Indian institutions setting up campuses abroad.**

## **The need for an On-demand model**



## **Technology as a Catalyst for Higher Education**

These are indeed testing times for higher education institutions (HEIs). On one hand campuses are working hard to improve the quantity and quality of student intake while on the other the influence of regulatory norms and competition on day-to-day operations is growing.

Technological innovation is now changing the way universities seek to teach and students wish to learn and playing an indispensable role in ensuring that higher education institutions are responsive to today's fast-moving global economy. Technology has made it possible, for instance to engage thousands of students simultaneously without sacrificing quality of education.

There is a paradigm shift occurring in the sector that is pushing educational institutions towards making education more student-centric. A key development in this area is the emergence of on-demand model of education whose foundation rests on offering more choices to students. These choices range from curriculum, mode of teaching and delivery and pace of learning. This is an area where technology is already playing a significant role at the global level. The advent and success of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) with open access features such as licensing of content, structure and learning goals are appealing in a big way to a new generation of learners schooled in a world that has always been online.

## **Indian universities should aspire to be among top 100: PM Narendra Modi**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday made an appeal to universities in the country to aspire to be among the top 100 globally and promised special economic assistance.

“I invite 10 public and 10 private universities to come forward and take a pledge to make a place for themselves in the top 100 universities of the world. They will be get special economic assistance and given relaxation from seeking various approvals. There will be an open field for them,” he said.

In the Union Budget announced earlier this year, the government had

promised enabling regulatory architecture for 10 public and 10 private institutions to help them emerge as world-class teaching institutions. Rs 1,000 crore was also set aside for higher education financing during the budget.

## Ionidea new wins in OBE space

**Ionidea Bagged orders from 2 Engineering Colleges in south India during Sep - Oct 2016.**



- **Dr. D.Y. Patil Polytechnic, Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- **Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Technology, Palus, Sangli, Maharashtra**



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