

# IONEDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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### **Where do we stand in global higher education sector?**

According to the “Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2016-17” list released last month India has improved its position in the global higher education, with a record 31 educational institutions making it to a new list of the world’s top 1000 varsities with University of Oxford topping the list.



The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore is India’s top institution (201-250 group), up from last year’s 251-300 group. There is no Indian university in the coveted top 200 list.

Only two Indian universities have made it to the top 400 group with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay (351-400).

However, the higher education sector is still besieged with problems in terms of quantity and quality of education delivery, funding, research, development, employability of graduates and access to the benefits of international cooperation.

### **Prakash Javadekar holds meeting with VCs of central universities at BHU: Pledges to improve higher education**



**Education is more than 'just' the subject knowledge:**

Prakash Javadekar said that education is not only about the subject knowledge, but it's objective is to groom good human beings with qualities like values and character attached to them. Giving example of

great universities like Nalanda, Takshila and Vikramshila, Javadekar said: "Only those nations that have great universities will prosper."

"We also want to give a message that we are trying to improve the quality of higher education in this meeting," he said.

## **Need active learning methods in higher education: Expert**

A special lecture on Credit-based Syllabi and Evaluation System was held at **Khalsa University**.

**Vice-Chancellor SS Chahal** was the key speaker who emphasised the need for more field work, active learning methods, including the use of Information Technology and presentations in the higher education system. He said this was the latest system being adopted by the Central and state universities.

Emphasizing on the division of courses through semester system, more diverse choice of credits and selection of courses, fool proof comprehensive evaluation and structuring of programmes, Dr Chahal stated that the University Grants Commission (UGC) had been spearheading the movement for the universities to adopt the new system.

He also added that quantification of syllabus covered and credit evaluation and design of courses through the semester system mode with a credit-based scheme involved in the development of curriculum of university programmes must be the focus.

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## **Industry- Oriented syllabus for higher education on cards**

The new syllabus for higher education in the state will focus on being relevant to requirements of industry, which in turn, will employ students who pass out from the academic institutions, said Vinod Tawde, minister for higher and technical education.



"It should be relevant to the market scenario and job opportunities,

and should be updated every five years or so.

## **International Conclave on Higher Education: Five MoUs signed among state and institutes in India and abroad**



As many as five Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) were signed during the “International Conclave on Higher Education” organised at Mahatama Mandir in Gandhinagar.

The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) and Gujarat Technological University (GTU) also signed an MoU to provide training to GTU students.

Speaking about the importance of research, the HRD minister said, "Today, we are not even one per cent of the world trade and much lower as GDP is concerned. We had Nalanadas, Takshshilas, Vikramshilas. The world talent used to come here to learn. So I believe that only those countries can prosper that has best of universities. For that, we need to improve higher education quality. At primary education level you have to inculcate and promote inquisitiveness in students because that is the foundation for innovation. But at higher education government duty is to provide atmosphere for research and innovation and improvement of quality. Innovation brings in money, wealth generation, create jobs and technologies. To achieve the goals of

global rankings, institutions should follow best practices of world class universities"

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