

Higher Education in India-Issues, Challenges and Suggestions

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Although there have been challenges to higher education in the past, these most recent calls for reform may provoke a fundamental change in higher education. India higher education system is the third largest in the world next to the united state and china. The main governing body of the tertiary level is the university grants commission, which enforces its standards, advice the government, and helps coordinate between the centre and the state accreditations for higher learning is overseen by 15 autonomous institutions established by the university grants commission (UGC).

India's demographic trend means it will soon overtake china as the world's largest population and with an average GDP annual growth of 8% over the last decade, its middle classes that demand higher education will swell to over 500 million people in the next ten years. India's higher education system, originally designed to serve the elite, will now have to serve the people. Innovation and change are required and understanding that change will be essential. This report not only takes a look at what is coming next in India but makes informed recommendations in areas for collaborations.