

Re-oriented Higher Education: Issues & Concerns

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ABSTRACT

India has the third largest educational system in the world, after the United States of America and China. It has now 729 Universities, 37,000 colleges 1.25 crore students and 9.34 Lakh faculty members (Ghanchi, 2014). There has been a remarkable expansion in higher education and gross enrolment ratio is about 18% now, while the desirable target of 25.2% is expected to achieve by the end of 12th plan. While expansion has been more in areas of study, especially in the private sector, some major trends have been noted during the recent years. The country has not been able to meaningfully meet the key challenge of catering for the exploding demand for higher education without compromising on quality. The philanthropy and charity based private higher education disappearing and "for-profit" higher education growing very fast. The country has not been able to regulate the growth in private higher education and failing standards and it is left to the mercy of the market.

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