

# DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS: India at a Glance

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## **CII seeks changes in FCRA to spur investment in education**

CII has made a pitch for changes in the Foreign Currency Regulation Act. This is done so that greater FDI can flow into the higher education sector.

## **Can private varsities lift Karnataka?**

Will the 13 proposed private universities do what the professional colleges did for Karnataka ?

Both the government and the academics vouch for the need to have private sector participation in higher education.

## **IGNOU-Pakistan's open varsity to constitute task force to map out a comprehensive scheme of collaboration**

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and Pakistan's Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) have decided to constitute a task force of faculty members from both the universities in order to map out a comprehensive scheme of collaboration.

## **Path-breaking initiatives needed in Education sector**

Akhilesh Yadav said the government needed more path breaking initiatives in the education sector to cater to state's large population.

## **Goa: Prime education hub**

Governor of Goa Bharat Vir Wanchoo, speaking at the 1st Higher Education Summit organized by CII in association with Government of Goa said that Goa has the potential to be the prime education hub and should be known as the Boston of India.

## Concern over low enrollment in higher education sector in Odisha

Higher education minister Badri Narayan Patra expressed grave concern over the low gross enrolment ratio (GER) in higher education sector in the state.

## Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Society recruits 224 teachers

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Society Chandigarh has recruited 224 teachers (TGT) in the subjects of Social Science, Mathematics, Science (Medical), Science (Non-Medical), Hindi, Punjabi & Geography.

Among the newly recruited teachers, 25% are male & 75% female.

## Expenditure committee report released

The system of grants-in-aid has resulted in excess educational institutions, excess staff and a lot of wasteful expenditure. Hence, the practice of starting new educational institutions and courses in private aided sector may be discontinued, said the expenditure committee report.

## HC irked over student-teacher ratio in state

Expressing displeasure over alleged violation of student-teacher ratio in universities and colleges in the state, the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court has said that in case it is so, then it is not only violation of the norms set by the UGC, but also it amounts to spoiling the academic atmosphere.

Court has summoned director of higher education, vice-chancellor and registrar of Awadh University.

