

March Highlights

- **Redefine way of imparting education: Pranab Mukherjee**

At the 90th convocation of Delhi University on 20th March 2013, Pranab Mukherjee said open and distance learning is the most effective tool for making higher education accessible to everyone while laying stress on increasing enrolment. He was also in favour of improvising modules to enable learning and provide higher education in the remote areas. Discussing the progress made by the educational sector in the country, Mukherjee said, "An honest answer would reveal that we have miles and miles to go before we can say that we have arrived," he said. He found it "simply unacceptable" that no Indian university finds a place among the top 200 global institutes. "We must develop our universities into global leaders, and for that, the best practices in other countries should be carefully studied and adopted with necessary changes to suit our conditions," he said.

- **Kendriya Vidyalayas hike fees by 60%**

Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country have hiked their fee by more than 60%. Many parents said it was a substantial increase, but that they didn't mind paying for the facilities offered. The last fee hike was in 2009.

- **Top British universities accused of bias**

Students from ethnic minorities, including Asians, find it tougher to secure places at top British universities than their white peers with similar grades, according to a new study.

- **Insurance cover for overseas students**

The 'Student Suraksha - Student Overseas Travel' policy provides cover against unforeseen expenses such as hospitalisation, accidental death, permanent disablement and dental treatment.

- **BITS has all its campuses connected now**

BITS-Pilani now has all its campuses connected thanks to the tele-presence facility provided by Cisco as a part of a cross-campus technology initiative named BITSConnect 2.0.

- **Over 300 copycats caught in UP Boards**

During the ongoing High School and Intermediate examinations of UP Board, a total of 303 candidates, including 236 boys and 67 girls, were caught using unfair means in examination. A series of FIRs were lodged by board authorities and Education department which shows how copying is carrying unabated.

