

Internationalization of Higher Education in India

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Abstract

The development of communication technology in the globalized era has changed the nature of higher education in many countries which led to the internationalization of higher education. It became a need of the hour due to the quality of education, values and cultural exchanges encourages through it. Internationalization of higher education is now a fact of life that cannot be neglected. This article is an attempt to analyze the impact of internationalization in India. India, during the last two decades, has emerged as an important educational hub in Asia. Establishment of a number of world-class institutions is instrumental for this transformation. Apart from public institutions, private universities have also contributed to this growth. The study argues that academic, administrative and logistical issues pertaining to internationalization needs to be spelt out and the respective state Higher Education Councils can play a leading role in facilitating internationalization. Finally study suggests that a policy intervention is essential and absence of a clearly-delineated policy on internationalization will be acutely felt in India

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Knowledge knows no boundaries and naturally institutions that disseminate knowledge should have global reach and vision. Looking from such a perspective, internationalization is an inevitable phenomenon. For long the process of internationalisation was stymied due to political and social reasons. Most universities originated in the 18th and 19th centuries with a clear national orientation and function. Internationalisation gained currency in the contemporary period for it brings in good amount of money to the host institution.

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