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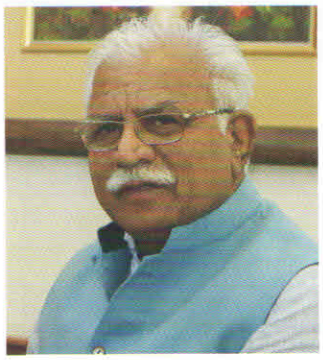
The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)-like institutions will be set up in every State in a phased manner, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare J.P. Nadda has said.

LAND BILL UNLEASHING RURAL ANGER?
The palpable anger on the ground suggests that Narendra Modi might be in danger of upsetting rural India in the name of creating industrial jobs.



AMIDST RUSH OF PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES, HARYANA MOVES FOR A NEW STATE UNIVERSITY IN GURGAON
Chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar arrived in Gurgaon recently to inaugurate the Sikanderpur flyover but the biggest takeaway for the city lay elsewhere.

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IEC University,

IEC University, with its main campus in Baddi, of Solan District in Himachal Pradesh is a young university notified by state..

ITM University

Founded by Rama Shankar Singh as Chairman, this self-financing university is run by Samata Lok Sansthan Trust. Academically..

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Pune headquartered Symbiosis International University is one of the oldest and largest private..

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Lovely Professional University (LPU) has rapidly become the largest single-campus private..

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Mody University is a deemed university that has been set up exclusively for girl students. Founded by RP Mody, who also..

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Maharishi Markandeshwar University at Mullana, near Ambala, has a modern campus..

WHY SCIENCE CURRICULUM SHOULD BE INDIANISED?

One serious, but often overlooked, flaw of science education in India is the state of syllabi - nobody seems to have talked about it. Simply put, we have to teach our students nationally important elements of science, as well as the history of Indian science.

INDIAN-ORIGIN TEEN GIRL GETS INTO ALL 8 IVY LEAGUE UNIVERSITIES

At just 17, an Indian-origin girl has earned admission to 14 top US universities, including all eight Ivy League schools considered the most prestigious varsities worldwide.

IT IS NOT INFRASTRUCTURE, BUT FACULTY, THAT MATTERS

Teachers need to be at the centre of education policy, instead of infrastructure. They must be trained appropriately for the job.

UNESCO SAYS INDIA HAS ACHIEVED 'UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDUCATION'

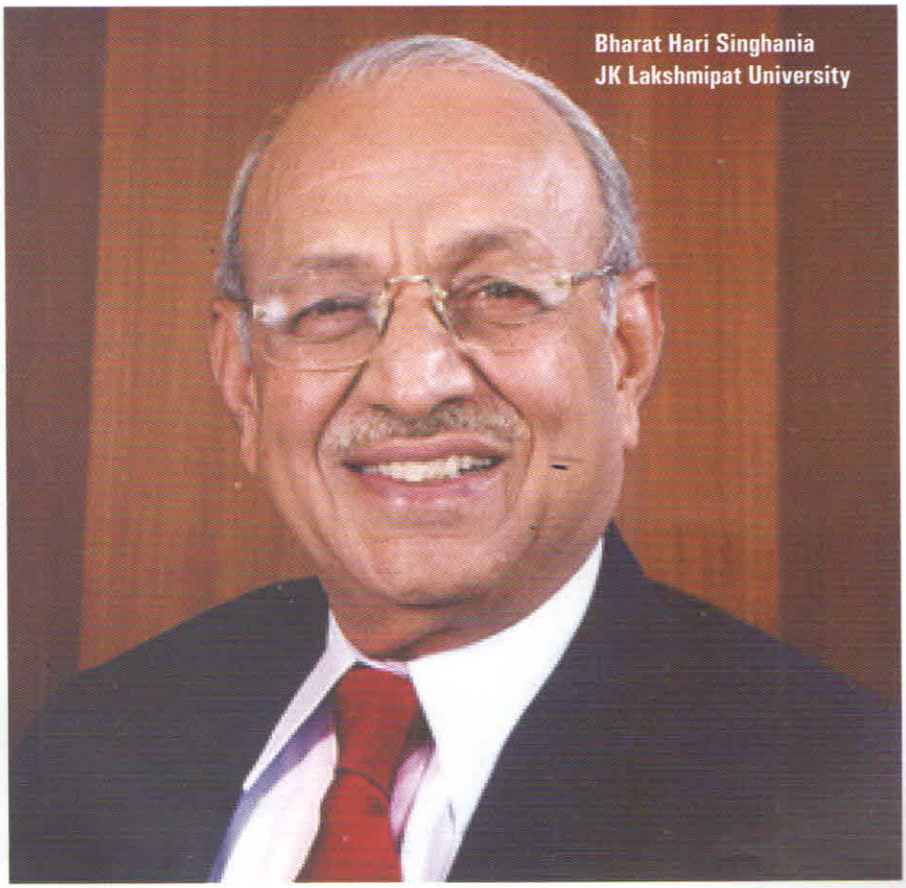
Making significant progress, India has reduced its "out of school" children by over 90 per cent and has achieved "universal primary education", according to a UNESCO global education report released recently.

in higher education. The trend started with self-financing colleges and progressed to first autonomous colleges and then to self-financing universities. They came in two broad categories - Private Deemed Universities that are sanctioned by UGC / Central Government, and Private Universities that are sanctioned by the respective State Governments.

But today, when the tally of Deemed Universities has touched around 130, it is clear that Government has opted to grant Deemed University status to many large self-financing colleges or group of colleges.

Despite this elaborate infrastructure of 42 Central Universities, 311 State Universities, 130 Deemed Universities, the around 50 IITs/IIMs/NITs, the thousands of affiliated aided colleges, and even more of affiliated self-financing colleges, the GER was nowhere near acceptable.

INDIA'S TERTIARY GROSS ENROLMENT RATIO (GER) - 18-23 YEARS


Bharat Hari Singhania
JK Lakshmipat University

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That is why in 1995, India decided that enough is not enough, and directed UGC to create an alternate structure - Private University - and notified the first of this kind.

Private University, by definition, was a fully state affair, having nothing to do with the central government except for UGC approval.

Some of India's state governments like Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh etc competed with each other to allow private universities to aspiring edupreneurs.

India is today home to 205 private universities. The quantitative logic behind the move is sound, which is a low GER. An unofficial 2014 report puts the GER for tertiary education or the 18-23 group at 21.1, which is an improvement from 2011, but nowhere near many peer countries.

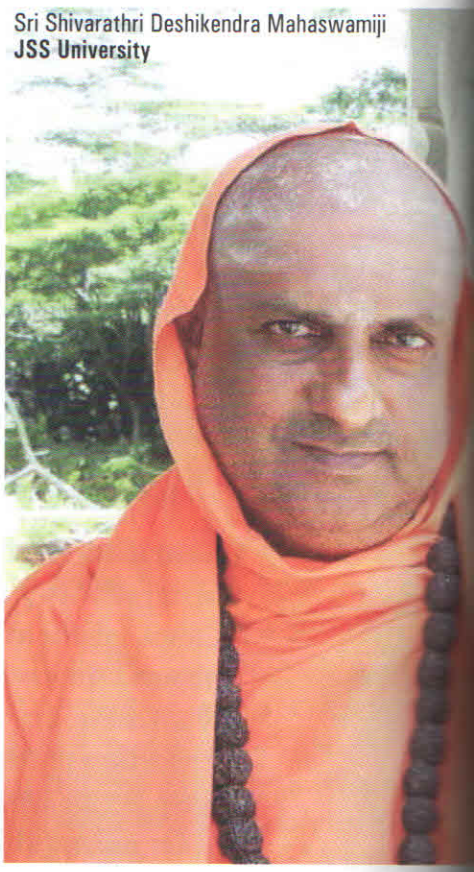
The successive governments including the present one have a stated goal to achieve a GER of at least 30% by 2020.

Today, despite having 712 universities & premium institutions and more than 35,000 colleges, India is still struggling with a low GER, mainly due to the burgeoning population.

The solution is of course more colleges and universities, and since the government can't or won't fund it, self-financing institutions is the only way out.

But the model needs to be really

JSS University accredited at A Grade by NAAC, is an exclusive health sciences university promoted by SS Mahavidyapeetha, arguably one of the largest educational groups in the nation. Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji takes personal care in the well-being of JSS University and is also its Chancellor. BN Betkerur IAS (Retd.), Executive Secretary of the entire JSS Mahavidyapeetha empire is also the Pro Chancellor of JSS University, while Dr. B Suresh as Vice-Chancellor.



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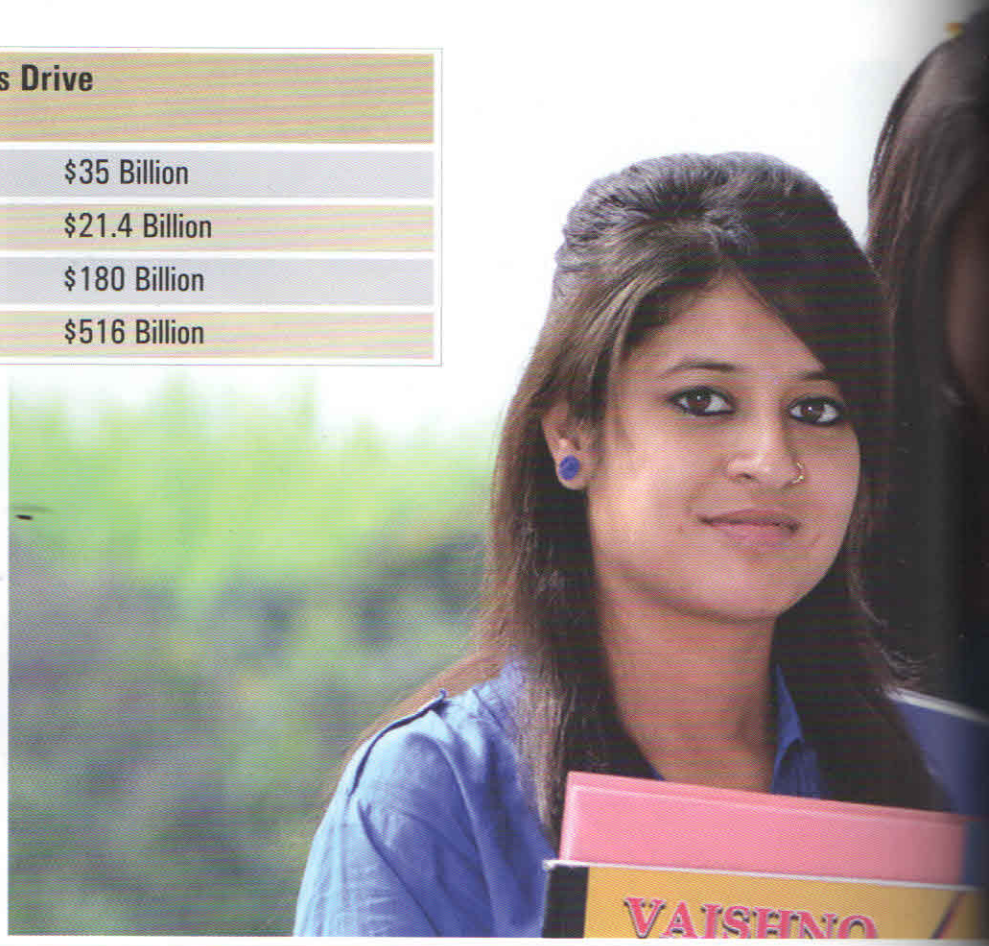
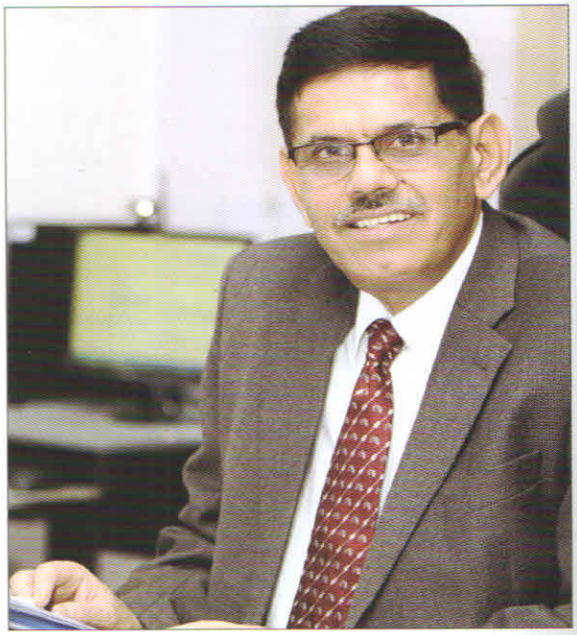
Massive Tax-Free Endowments Drive American Universities	
Harvard University	$35 Billion
Stanford University	$21.4 Billion
Top 10 American Universities	$180 Billion
All 800 American Institutions	$516 Billion



JK Lakshmipat University, Jaipur, Rajasthan

TOP PRIVATE UNIVERSITY IN RAJASTHAN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Shri Bharat Hari Singhania, Chancellor



Dr. Devi Singh, Vice Chancellor

JK Lakshmipat University (JKLU), set up in 2011, has clearly benefited from the expertise of its sponsor, the 125-year old JK Organization whose footprint spans six continents, and 22 manufacturing facilities across India. JK Organization is also active in education, running 14 educational institutions across India including JKLU. The university offers graduate and postgraduate programs in management and engineering & technology. JKLU's placement track-record in MBA is 100% during the last three years. This private university of Rajasthan also offers a novel dual-degree - BTech + MBA - which is an integrated 5-year program. Industrialist Bharat Hari Singhania serves as the Chancellor of JKLU and noted academic scholar and international financial management expert Dr. Devi Singh (formerly Director IIM Lucknow and MDI Gurgaon) serves as the Vice-Chancellor while eminent researcher and leading academician Prof. Dr-Ing. Anupam Kumar Singh serves as the Director. Many of JKLU's top leaders including Dr. Devi Singh, Prof. Anupam Singh as well as many among the faculty have studied or trained abroad or in IITs, IIMs, & NITs. The JKLU campus is fully WiFi enabled with enough WiFi hotspots, and every corner of the campus buildings are connected through a state-of-the-art gigabit network. JKLU's classrooms are constructed in amphitheatre style and has features like air-conditioning, audiovisual equipments, multimedia, wireless LAN, and broadband Internet connectivity. JKLU campus also has facilities like hostels, cafeteria, bank, gymnasium, healthcare centre, utility store etc. It also has a well-equipped Language Lab for the benefit of all students.

What Makes JK Lakshmipat University the Top Private University in Rajasthan for Infrastructure

- JK Lakshmipat University (JKLU) is promoted by one of India's oldest and largest industrial conglomerates, the JK Organization having annual sales of over $4 billion and home to diverse companies like JK Tyre, JK Lakshmi Cement, JK Paper, Fenner India etc.
- JKLU campus on Jaipur-Ajmer National Highway No. 8 is very accessible by rail, road, & air. It is just 18.5 km from Jaipur Railway Station, 19.5 km from Jaipur's State Road Transport Corporation Bus Stand, and 25 km from Jaipur International Airport.
- Despite rapid accessibility from Jaipur, JKLU campus is vast at 30 acres, and is set in a green and scenic design.
- JKLU campus is very near to Jaipur's Mahindra World City and Special Economic Zone spanning 3000 acres, making industry interaction programs of the university very productive.
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- JKLU has a Management Development Centre that conducts 100 to 200 seminars and short-term training camps for corporate executives during an year.
- JKLU has a state-of-the-art Library cum Learning Resource Centre where the latest offline and online technologies work together to provide its students with one of the largest academic and professional knowledgebases to learn from.
- JKLU has several career-oriented academies run in collaboration with global IT majors like IBM, Microsoft, Cisco, and is an active member of Bentley Developer Network Community.
- JKLU has Chapters of professional organizations in sunrise sectors like Solar Energy Society of India and Indian Society of Geomatics.
- JKLU campus has one of the best sporting facilities with extensive infrastructure for all major outdoor sports including cricket, basketball etc, as well as facilities for many indoor sports.