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## IIT Jodhpur Introduces BTech Courses in Hindi

-VidyarthiMitra News Desk

IIT Jodhpur has announced that it will begin offering BTech courses in Hindi starting from the upcoming academic session. This initiative aims to assist students who struggle with English proficiency. IIT Jodhpur joins IIT-BHU, which was the first Indian Institute of Technology to implement Hindi as a medium of instruction for BTech courses. Initially, IIT Jodhpur will teach first-year BTech courses in both English and Hindi, creating two sections based on the language preferences of the students. According to an official notification, "The Senate in its recent meeting approved the proposal to teach courses in Hindi and English. The Senate noted that IIT Jodhpur, being at the forefront of technology, science, humanities, and

management, is expected to impart education in the native language to help the students who face challenges in learning because of inadequacy in English proficiency."

The first-year courses for both English and Hindi sections will be taught by the same instructors to maintain consistent teaching quality. Admissions will be based on scores from the Joint Entrance Examination Advanced (JEE Advanced 2024).

This decision aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes making education more inclusive and accessible in native languages. Following NEP's guidelines, several states are also planning to introduce or have already introduced medical and engineering education in Hindi and regional languages.

## Digii and AWS Introduce DigiiAI to Revolutionize Educational Institutions

-VidyarthiMitra News Desk

Digii, an Amazon Web Services (AWS) Technology Partner, and AWS India Private Limited have unveiled "DigiiAI", a digital solution designed to enhance the campus experience for educational institutions by offering smarter, more efficient, and personalized solutions for students, faculty, and administration. In its initial phase, DigiiAI will utilize generative artificial intelligence (AI) to streamline administrative tasks, improve classroom management, and provide personalized support for faculty members. The first cohort will see DigiiAI offered to over 1,000 faculty members across 20 educational institutions in India, including notable names such as Manipal Academy of BFSI, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) Bangalore, Chanakya University, The Apollo University, and Techno India University.

DigiiAI aims to address common challenges faced by faculty and students in educational institutions. Faculty members often spend considerable time on administrative tasks such as taking attendance, preparing class schedules, documenting course files and student performance, and creating and evaluating assessments. To understand where generative AI could assist, Digii engaged with faculty members from more than 150 partner institutions. These interactions revealed that while faculty members have used AI platforms personally, the responses were often generic and required repetitive

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manual processes, not adequately supporting Outcome-based Education (OBE) principles.

The first use case DigiiAI will focus on is the auto-creation of assessments. DigiiAI is designed to simplify the assessment creation process for faculty, aligning it with the outcome-based education framework. Faculty can select Bloom's taxonomy levels to generate questions tailored to desired learning outcomes, with various question formats such as fill-in-the-blanks and multiple-choice questions available.

Digii successfully developed and launched DigiiAI by building it on Amazon Bedrock, a fully managed generative AI service from AWS that offers a choice of high-performing foundation models and a comprehensive set of security, privacy, and responsible AI capabilities. Amazon Bedrock enabled Digii to experiment with and evaluate top foundation models, creating a solution that meets the specific needs of Digii's partner institutions in India.

Digii plans to further expand the use of AI to improve the quality of education and student success by exploring its benefits in areas such as the auto-evaluation of answers to subjective questions and offering adaptive assessments for self-practice.

## Education Ministry Evaluates Guidelines for Bagless Days in Schools

-VidyarthiMitra News Desk

On Tuesday, the Ministry of Education reviewed the NCERT guidelines for implementing bagless days in schools, with officials indicating that these guidelines will be further refined.

The PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE), a branch of the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT), has created comprehensive guidelines aimed at making school learning more joyful, experiential, and stress-free by implementing bagless days.

"Various suggestions were discussed during

the meeting, including educating students about local ecology, teaching them how to (NEP) 2020 recommends that students in grades 6-8 participate in a 10-day bagless period. During this period, students will intern with local skill experts and engage in activities outside the traditional classroom setting. The initiative aims to help students develop an appreciation for the broader ecosystem surrounding their school.

"Bagless days will be encouraged throughout the year, encompassing a variety of activities such as arts, quizzes, sports, and skill-based learning.

## IIT JAM 2025: Joint Admission Test Scheduled for February 2, 2025

-VidyarthiMitra News Desk

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi will conduct the Joint Admission Test (JAM) 2025 on February 2, 2025. Interested and eligible candidates can visit the official JAM 2025 website for detailed information. Although not yet confirmed, the registration process for the exam is expected to begin in September 2024.

The exam, conducted for admission to master's programs for the academic session 2025-26, will be held in a computer-based format in two shifts. Candidates will be assessed on seven subjects: Biotechnology, Chemistry, Economics, Geology, Mathematics, Mathematical Statistics, and Physics. The admission process will include

four rounds, with additional rounds possible if vacancies remain.

Steps to Register for the Exam:

1. Visit the official website of IIT JAM 2025.
2. On the homepage, click the registration link.
3. A new page will appear on the screen.
4. Enter your credentials and register.
5. Pay the registration fee.
6. Submit your application.

JAM is conducted annually to fill approximately 3,000 seats across various postgraduate programs at 21 IITs. These programs include MSc, MSc (Tech), MSc-MTech dual degree, MS (Research), Joint MSc-PhD, and MSc-PhD dual degree programs. IIT Delhi is the organizing institute for this year's examination.

## Maharashtra Introduces Free Higher Education Policy for EWS, SEBC, OBC Girls

-VidyarthiMitra News Desk

Following the announcement of the Majhi Ladki Bahin scheme in the State Budget, the Maharashtra government has introduced another women-focused policy, offering free higher education for girls from the Economically Weaker Section (EWS), Socially and Economically Backward Classes (SEBC), and Other Backward Classes (OBC). This initiative, aimed at promoting women's education, was approved during a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Monday. Additionally, tuition and exam fees for orphaned students of both genders will be waived, according to a government resolution.

State Women and Child Development Minister Aditi Tatkare expressed that this decision will enable girls from ordinary families to pursue higher education dreams. The policy

will be implemented from the academic year 2024-25, with the government approving an additional expense of Rs. 906 crore to support the scheme. The objective is to increase the number of girls pursuing professional courses, aligning with the National Education Policy (NEP). Currently, only 36% of girls opt for professional courses in fields such as agriculture, engineering, and pharmacy, with girls from OBC and EWS categories receiving a 50% fee refund.

Female students seeking admission to recognized vocational courses through the Centralised Admission Process in government colleges, aided private colleges, semi-aided private colleges, non-aided colleges, polytechnics, autonomous government universities, and open universities can avail of this facility.

## Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Urges States to Collaborate with Centre for Enhanced Education System

-VidyarthiMitra News Desk

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan held a comprehensive review meeting with education department officials from all states, focusing on the Department of School Education and Literacy.

During the day-long session, Pradhan outlined a 100-day education plan and a five-year roadmap, emphasizing the importance of technological readiness and teaching in the mother tongue. He highlighted that the National Education Policy 2020 underscores the significance of education in Indian languages, aiming to prepare global citizens for a rapidly changing, technology-driven world.

"Ensuring an education system that is both rooted in tradition and forward-thinking is our collective responsibility," Pradhan stated. He emphasized the need for a holistic approach to technological readiness in schools and fostering critical thinking among students. Pradhan called for a collaborative effort between States and the



Centre to strengthen the education ecosystem, advocating for the replication and amplification of best practices across all States and UTs. He urged stakeholders to work together to enhance capacities, stressing the importance of teachers' capacity building and competency-based education to improve employability through strengthened skilling capacities.

## MPSC Exam 2024: Maharashtra Public Service Commission

-VidyaarathiMitra News Desk

The Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) will conduct the MPSC exam 2024 to recruit candidates for various administrative posts under the Maharashtra government. The examination is conducted in three stages: Prelims, Mains, and Interview. Candidates must pass the Prelims to qualify for the Mains and subsequently clear the Mains to be eligible for the Interview.

**Important Dates**

Prelims: Scheduled for July 21, 2024

Mains: Tentatively set for December 14, 15, and 16, 2024

**Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for the MPSC exam, candidates must meet the following criteria:

**Educational Qualifications:** A degree from a recognized university

**Age Limit:** Typically, between 19 and 38 years, with age relaxations for certain categories

**Nationality:** Must be an Indian citizen

**Application Process**

Eligible candidates can fill out the MPSC application form by following these steps:

**Online Registration:** Register on the official MPSC website.

**Application Form:** Complete the application form with accurate details

**Fee Payment:** Pay the application fee to complete the process

**Submission:** Submit the form online before the deadline

**Admit Card**

Candidates who successfully submit their applications will receive separate admit cards for each stage of the examination—Prelims, Mains, and Interview. Admit cards must be downloaded and printed from the official MPSC website.

**Examination Pattern**

**Prelims:** An objective exam serving as a screening test, consisting of two papers: General Studies and Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT)

**Mains:** A descriptive exam comprising six papers, including Marathi, English, General Studies, and optional subjects chosen by candidates

**Interview:** Candidates who pass the Mains will be invited for an interview to assess their personality, general knowledge, and suitability for public service roles.

## UPSC CMS 2024: Notification, Date, Eligibility

-VidyaarathiMitra News Desk

UPSC CMS exam will be conducted on July 14, 2024. Students who are preparing for the exam must know the detailed UPSC CMS Syllabus 2024 in order to pass the exam. Along with the syllabus, it is important to read the UPSC CMS exam pattern 2024 as well. This allows them to know the types of questions and topics from where questions are asked in the examination.

**UPSC CMS Eligibility Criteria 2024**

The eligibility criteria for the UPSC Combined Medical Services (CMS) exam 2024 are crucial for candidates planning to appear for the examination. The criteria are established by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and are detailed in the official.

UPSC CMS notification for 2024. Candidates must meet various requirements to be eligible for the exam. Key factors include:

Age Limit

Age Limit Relaxation

Educational Qualification

Physical Standards

Nationality

**UPSC CMS Syllabus 2024**

The UPSC CMS syllabus for 2024 is released by UPSC along with the official notification. The syllabus is divided into two parts: the written test and the personality test.

**Part I:** The written test is further divided into two papers.

**Paper 1:** Covers two subjects.

**Paper 2:** Covers three subjects.

Candidates should refer to the official notification for detailed information on the syllabus and eligibility criteria.



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## The Design Village (TDV) Entrance Exam

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TDV Entrance Exam Pattern 2024: The Design Village Admission will conduct the TDV entrance exam 2024 for admission to the UG program offered by the institute. As per the official exam pattern of TDV 2024, the exam will be of two hours duration.

The TDV 2024 question paper will have two parts – Capacity Testing and Ability Testing.

The candidate has to appear in both parts. If the candidate doesn't complete one part, he or she will not be considered for admission.

The question paper of TDV 2024 will include both multiple-choice questions and descriptive questions. The question paper of TDV 2024 will be designed to evaluate creative abilities, analytical skills, and awareness of the candidate. The Design Village (TDV) is renowned for its exceptional design education and nurturing creative talents. To secure admission into this prestigious institution, aspiring students need to go through the TDV Entrance Exam. This comprehensive guide will provide valuable insights on how to prepare for the TDV Entrance Exam for best fashion designing course, interior designing course and more while shedding light on The Design Village fees.

## ADMISSIONS

### Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University PhD Registration Deadline Approaches

-VidyaarathiMitra News Desk

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University has announced that the registration for its Phase 1 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programme will close on July 15, 2024. Eligible candidates interested in pursuing a PhD at the university are encouraged to apply online through the official website or via email.

**Admission Details**

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Candidates must have a minimum of 60% in their postgraduate degrees.

Applicants who have qualified in NET or GATE are exempted from the written test and can directly proceed to the interview stage.

**Application Process:**

Fill out the application form available at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Admissions.

Submit the form online or email it to [phd@amrita.edu](mailto:phd@amrita.edu).

**Research Opportunities**

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham offers a wide range of research opportunities across various fields such as engineering, artificial intelligence, computing, arts, humanities, commerce, physical sciences, social and behavioural

sciences, management, life sciences, and medical sciences.

**Scholarships and Financial Support**

The university provides substantial financial support to its PhD students, including:

Annual scholarships totaling over ₹7 crores.

Monthly scholarships up to ₹35,000 for full-time scholars for the first three years.

Additional funding for conference attendance and journal publication.

Access to university research labs at no cost.

**International Collaborations**

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham has established partnerships with several international universities, including the University of Buffalo, New York; University of New Mexico; Vrije University, Amsterdam; University of L'Aquila, Italy; and BarcelonaTech (UPC), Politecnico Di Milano, Italy. These collaborations offer dual-PhD programmes, cotutelle degrees, and integrated PhD programmes, providing students with avenues for global academic growth and collaboration.

### WBJEE Counseling 2024: Registration and Choice-Filling Open

The West Bengal Joint Entrance Examination Board (WBJEEB) has commenced the registration and choice-filling process for WBJEE 2024 counseling. Candidates who have qualified for the WBJEE 2024 can now register and fill in their preferred choices of courses and colleges by visiting the official website — [wbjeeb.nic.in](http://wbjeeb.nic.in). The process involves several stages including registration, choice-filling, seat allotment, payment of acceptance fees, document

verification, and reporting to the allotted college.

**Important Dates and Process:**

Registration Start Date: July 10, 2024

Last Date to Apply: July 16, 2024

Choice Locking Deadline: July 16, 2024

Seat Allotment Results: First round results will be announced on July 21, 2024.

For more detailed information and updates, candidates can refer to the official WBJEEB website.

### Registration for Allahabad University UG Admissions 2024 Now Open via CUET; Deadline July 20

-VidyaarathiMitra News Desk

Allahabad University has initiated the registration process for its undergraduate programmes through the Common University Entrance Test - Undergraduate (CUET UG) 2024. Interested candidates can apply through the official website [alldunivcuetsamarth.edu.in](http://alldunivcuetsamarth.edu.in). The last date for submitting applications is July 20, 2024.

As per the university's official notice, applicants seeking admission to undergraduate programmes must register on the Samarth Portal. The counselling process for CUET UG 2024 will be conducted in two phases. Candidates are advised to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria before filling out the application form.

### OJEE 2024 Counselling Registration Begins for Various Courses

-VidyaarathiMitra News Desk

The registration for the Odisha Joint Entrance Examination (OJEE) 2024 counselling has commenced. Eligible candidates seeking admission to BTech, BArch, BPlan, integrated MSc, and BCAT courses can register through the official website, [ojee.nic.in](http://ojee.nic.in).

The last date for choice locking is July 20, 2024. Candidates must pay a counselling fee of Rs 450 during registration. The seat allotment results for Round 1 will be announced on July 23, 2024, by 5 PM.

**Important Dates:**

• Registration and Choice Filling Start: July 8, 2024

• Display of Mock Seat Allotment: July 18, 2024

• Choice Locking Begins: July 19, 2024

• End of Registration and Choice Locking: July 20, 2024

**Required Documents:**

- CUET UG 2024 admit card
- Class 10 and 12 mark sheets and certificates
- Candidate's photo and signature in jpg or jpeg format
- Recent caste certificate (if applicable) in the central government format

Candidates belonging to the general, OBC, and EWS categories need to pay Rs 300 for course selection, while SC, ST, and PwD candidates must pay Rs 150. Only those who have successfully registered and paid the fee will be considered for counselling.

Allahabad University will announce separate dates for course selection and payment of registration fees after the CUET UG 2024 results are declared.

- Round 1 Seat Allotment Result: July 23, 2024
- Online Reporting, Fee Payment, Document Upload: July 23 to July 28, 2024
- Response to Query Deadline: July 29, 2024
- Withdrawal of Seats/Exit from Allocation Process: July 24 to July 30, 2024

**Required Documents:**

- Class X and XII mark sheets
- Qualifying exam mark sheet
- Passport size photographs
- OJEE 2024 admit card
- Category and medical certificates (if applicable)
- OJEE 2024 scorecard
- JEE Main 2024 scorecard (if applicable)

Candidates must ensure they understand and follow all guidelines provided in the OJEE 2024 counselling brochure to avoid any issues during the process

**ESRI INDIA MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024:**

-VidarthiMitra News Desk

Applications Open for Geoinformatics Students

**Location:** India

Esri India launched the Master's Scholarships in GIS Program last year, tailored for post-graduate students. The Scholarship program is open to Indian students commencing their second year of post-graduate studies (M.Tech/MSc.) in Geoinformatics or related fields at accredited institutes or universities in India. Eligible courses include those focusing on remote sensing, GIS, spatial modeling, spatial analysis, digital image processing for GIS, and other related subjects.

**Details :**

No. of Scholarships: 10 per year

Type of Scholarship: One time

Scholarship Amount: INR 1,00,000 (One lac) each for 10 students in a year

Selected students will also be given an ArcGIS Personal Use License for 1 year

**Eligibility :**

- Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
- They must be residents of India.
- They should be enrolled in the beginning of the second year of a postgraduate program in Geoinformatics or related fields, such as:
  - Remote sensing
  - GIS
  - Spatial modeling
  - Spatial analysis
  - Digital image processing for GIS
- Have successfully completed the first year of their post-graduate course by the end of the academic year 2023-24.
- All applicants must be recommended by their respective institutes or universities to be considered for the scholarship.
- Demonstrate outstanding academic performance during the aforementioned academic year.

**Each institute or university may recommend up to three students for the scholarship opportunity.****Application Process:**

Click on the 'Apply Now' button on the official website.

Register by filling in the required details.

(If already registered, log in using Gmail, mobile number, or email ID.)

Navigate to 'Application Procedure' and download the application form through the provided link.

Fill out a separate form for each recommended student.

Complete the form, attach the necessary documents, and get it signed by the student, Head/Dean/Director of the Institute/University, and stamped by the institution.

Send the scanned copy of the form along with the documents via email to [gis.education@esri.in](mailto:gis.education@esri.in).**Required Documents:**

1. A scanned copy of the student's address proof.
2. A scanned copy of the college ID card.
3. First-year marksheet/certificates.
4. Synopsis of projects done in the first year.
5. A Statement of Purpose (SoP) in 250 words.

Applicants are required to send these documents to [gis.education@esri.in](mailto:gis.education@esri.in) along with the application form.**Selection Process:**

All applications will undergo thorough evaluation by a distinguished jury comprising experts in the field of geospatial sciences. Shortlisted applicants will be notified and invited to participate in a virtual interview. Final selections will be based on the combined assessment of interview results and the review of all submitted materials. The decision of the selection committee will be final.

**Important Date:**

Application Deadline: July 12, 2024

**Apply Now**

For more details and to apply, visit the official Esri India website.

<https://www.esri.in/en-in/programs/masters-scholarships-in-gis/overview>**STATE OF GOVERNMENT OPEN MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

-VidarthiMitra News Desk

State Government Open Merit Scholarship, Maharashtra 2023-24 is an initiative of the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), Government of Maharashtra to financially help Class 12 passed students of Maharashtra. The selected candidates will receive ₹100 per month.

**Eligibility :**

- The applicant must be a resident of the Maharashtra State.
- Need to get at least 60 percent in 12th standard.
- Only applicable for stream Arts, commerce, science and law.
- Maharashtra Students studying Out of Maharashtra cannot apply for this scheme.

**Documents Required :**

- Previous Year Marksheet.
- Domicile Certificate.
- Bonafide Certificate.

**Benefits:**

- The selected students will receive up to ₹100 per month.



Open Merit Scholarships for EBC Students, Maharashtra

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES****Job Opportunity in AIASL! Recruitment for 1049 vacancies of Customer Service Executive, Apply Early**

-VidarthiMitra News Desk

**Authority Customer Service Recruitment 2024 :**

Last date to apply is 14 July 2024. This year, a total of 1049 posts will be filled through this recruitment drive Air India Airport Authority Customer Service Recruitment 2024 : Air India Airport Authority Customer Service (AIASL) is going to recruit for the post of Customer Service Executive. Interested candidates (Male and Female Indian Citizens) can apply for this post by visiting the official website of AIASL at [aiasl.in](http://aiasl.in). Interested candidates can apply for various posts at Mumbai International Airport on fixed term contract basis (three years). This year, a total of 1049 posts will be filled through this recruitment drive out of which 343 posts will be filled for the post of Senior Customer Service Executive and 706 posts will be filled for the post of Customer Service Executive.

**AI Airport Authority Customer Service Recruitment 2024 :****Eligibility Criteria**

Senior Customer Service Executive : Candidates eligible to apply for this post should have graduated from a recognized university as per 10+2+3 pattern and candidate should have five years experience in any or all of the following fields including fare, reservation, computerized passenger check-in, ticketing and cargo handling. Candidate should be expert in using computer. Also candidate should have mastery in English and Hindi language. General category candidate should not be more than 33 years of age.

Customer Service Executive : Eligible candidates to apply for this post should have graduated from a recognized university as per 10+2+3 system.

Candidates with an A, Cargo, or Airline Ticket, as well as an Airline Diploma or a certified course such as IATA-UFTAA, IATA-FIATA, IATA-DGR, or IATA Cargo Diploma will be preferred for this position.

General category candidates should not be more than 28 years of age.

**How to Apply AI Airport Service Recruitment 2024?**Step 1 -Visit [aiasl.in](http://aiasl.in) to access the official website of SL

Step 2 – Click on the Recruitment link that appears on the page

Step 3 – Select the link labeled “Customer Service Executive” that appears at the top of the page.

Step 4- : After starting on the new page candidates have to enter their login credentials.

Step 5 – Complete the application form and deposit the required fee amount.

Step 6 – Click on the submit button and download the application form.

Step 7 – Print its hard copy for future use.

**AI Airport Authority Customer Service Recruitment 2024 :Application Fee**

The application must be accompanied by a Demand Draft payable to “AI AIRPORT SERVICES LIMITED”, Mumbai along with a non-refundable application fee of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only). Candidates belonging to SC/ST community and ex-servicemen will not have to pay any fee.

**IAF Agniveer Recruitment 2024: Job Opportunity for 12th Pass Candidates! Indian Air Force Recruitment Begins; See how to apply**

-VidarthiMitra News Desk

IAF Agniveervayu Recruitment 2024: Indian Air Force (IAF) has released a notification on 8th July 2024 for the recruitment of Agniveervayu 02/2025. Also, online registration has been started from 11 am yesterday. Eligible candidates who are interested to join Air Force as Agniveer can apply online on official website [agnipathvayu.cdac.in](http://agnipathvayu.cdac.in) till 28th July. Who can apply for recruitment? Let's know in detail when the written exam will be held, how to apply.

**IAF Agniveervayu Recruitment 2024 : Which Candidates Can Apply?**

Both male and female candidates are eligible to apply for this IAF Firefighter Air Force Recruitment. But, it is important to remember that only single candidates can apply for the recruitment drive.

**IAF Agniveervayu Recruitment 2024 : Age Limit –**

Applying candidate should have born between 3rd July 2004 to 3rd January 2008. (Candidate's age should not exceed 21 years on the date of enrollment).

**IAF Agniveervayu Recruitment 2024 : Educational Qualification –**

The applying candidate must have passed 12th in Physics, Mathematics and English and must have passed the examination with 50% marks. Also, the candidate should have at least three years Diploma in Engineering.

**IAF Agniveervayu Recruitment 2024 : Written Exam –**

Written Exam for Agnivar Air Force Recruitment 2024 will start from 18th October.

As this recruitment is done under the Agniveer Air Force scheme, the selected candidates will get an opportunity to serve for four years. Candidates should check the salary as per four years in the notification.



## Rising Trend: Indian Students Flock To The UK For Higher Studies

-VidyarthiMitra News Desk

In recent years, the United Kingdom has emerged as a top destination for Indian students seeking higher education. This trend is driven by a range of factors, from exceptional educational opportunities to attractive post-study work benefits.

The UK's appeal to Indian students is evident from recent statistics showing a 54% increase in sponsored study visas issued to Indian students. Since 2019, the number of study visas held by Indians has increased sevenfold, highlighting the UK's growing reputation as an academic hub. The UK government issued nearly half a million sponsored study visas, with 142,848 of these going to Indian students. Projections suggest that the number of Indian students in the UK will exceed 300,000 in the upcoming academic year.

Several key factors are drawing Indian students to the UK:

1. **Top-Ranked Educational Environment:** London has been recognized as the world's best city to study in 2024 by QS, thanks to its status as a financial powerhouse with a thriving job market, top-tier infrastructure, and vibrant student life. With around 680,000 overseas students in London, the city offers unparalleled opportunities for global networking.

2. **Prestige And Quality Of Life:** The UK is known for its prestigious educational institutions and high quality of life. Students benefit from world-class healthcare, safety standards, and a dynamic cultural and social scene, creating an ideal environment

for personal and academic growth.

3. **Global Recognition And Career Opportunities:** The UK boasts some of the world's top-ranking universities, such as Oxford and Cambridge. A degree from a UK university is highly regarded by global employers, providing a strategic edge for students aiming for international careers. The presence of leading multinational corporations and Indian companies in the UK offers numerous professional growth opportunities.

4. **Graduate Route Visa:** The Graduate Route Visa allows Indian graduates to live and work in the UK for two years (three years for PhD graduates) after completing their studies. This visa provides invaluable work experience and can potentially lead to permanent residency. Additionally, students have access to various part-time employment options and career guidance services.

5. **Gateway To Opportunities In Europe:** The UK's proximity to Europe provides students with easy access to explore diverse cultures and career opportunities across the continent. The education and skills gained from UK universities are valued by industries across Europe, opening doors to rewarding careers beyond the UK.

As the global educational landscape evolves, the UK is set to maintain its position as a preferred destination for Indian students. The influx of Indian students to the UK underscores the enduring allure of British education and the vast opportunities it offers to ambitious minds.

## Major Changes To Australia Study Visa Requirements Starting July 2024

-VidyarthiMitra News Desk

Australia has long been a top destination for international students, attracting over 710,000 in 2023. The country's renowned universities, including the University of Melbourne (ranked 13th globally in the 2025 QS World University Rankings), the University of Sydney (18th), and UNSW Sydney (19th), continue to draw students worldwide.

**Key Visa Changes Effective July 2024**

From July 1, 2024, the Australian government has implemented significant changes to the student visa (subclass 500) application process:

**Increased Fees:** The application fee for the student visa has jumped to AUD \$1,600 (INR 89,000), a 225% increase from the previous AUD \$710 (INR 39,000).

**Dependants Have Also Risen:**

Aged 18 and over: AUD \$1,445 (INR 80,000)  
Under 18: AUD \$390 (INR 21,000)

**Updated Requirements**

For high school graduates and postgraduate applicants, securing an Australian student visa (subclass 500) involves meeting specific eligibility criteria:

**Academic Acceptance:** A confirmation of enrolment (CoE) from a registered Australian educational institution.

**English Proficiency:** Minimum scores for accepted tests:

IELTS: 6.0

TOEFL IBT: 64

PTE Academic: 50

CAE: 169

OET: B for each test component

**Financial Evidence:** Proof of sufficient funds

to cover tuition, living expenses (approximately INR 16L per year), and travel costs.

**Health And Character Requirements:** Medical examination and police clearance certificate.  
**Genuine Student Requirement:** Proof of genuine intent to study in Australia.

**Application Process**

**Acceptance:** Receive an offer letter from an Australian institution.

**Documentation:** Gather necessary documents, including CoE, financial evidence, and health insurance (OSHC).

**Application:** Register and apply through the ImmiAccount portal, paying the visa application fee.

**Processing Time:** Typically 4 to 6 weeks, with a recommended application submission at least three months before the intended course start date.

**Visa Validity**

Courses >10 months, ending Nov-Dec: Visa valid until March 15 of the following year.

Courses >10 months, ending Jan-Oct: Visa valid for 2 months longer than the course.

Courses <10 months: Visa valid for 1 month longer than the course.

**New Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF)**

Introduced on July 1, 2016, the SSVF aims to streamline the application process by assessing applicants based on their education provider and country of citizenship, with a focus on genuine students.

Refer to the official Australian Department of Home Affairs website.

## SCHOOL AND HIGHER EDUCATION

### Karnataka Government Launches 'Naavu Manujaru' Programme To Promote Social Harmony And Constitutional Values In Schools

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The Karnataka government is set to introduce the 'Naavu Manujaru' programme in schools, aiming to instill social harmony and constitutional values among children. This initiative, announced in the state budget for 2024-25 by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, is designed to turn educational institutions across the state into centers of social harmony, tolerance, and scientific temper.

Starting this academic year, the programme will feature two hours of discussions and dialogues each week, divided into three periods of 40 minutes. These sessions will be integrated into the existing curriculum, replacing one period of value education and two periods of socially useful productive work (SUPW) in all government, aided, and unaided primary and high schools.

According to the order, district-level nodal officers will be appointed to guide the implementation of the programme and report to the Department of State Educational Research and Training (DSERT). However, no special grant will be allocated for this initiative.

The programme's format includes discussions on social harmony, local and national festivals, folk games, and sports. It will also cover the thoughts of social reformers, visits to local places of interest, cottage industries, and discussions on family structures and the elimination of inequality. Constitutional values such as equality, liberty, and fraternity will be emphasized. Scientific temper children will be encouraged to develop a scientific



temper, environmental consciousness, and a rational approach to superstitions. Activities will include home remedies, science experiments, and promoting a questioning attitude to foster curiosity.

**Co-Existence**

Group activities will highlight the importance of midday meals, community lunches, school garden management, and participation in indoor and outdoor games, including traditional sports. The programme will also stress the significance of equal opportunities for all.

B.B. Cauvery, Commissioner of Public Instruction, stated, "DSERT is the implementation authority of this programme, which aims to enhance students' independent thinking, rationality, and understanding of various issues. It will contribute to the overall development of students and will be implemented in all schools across the state soon."

This comprehensive initiative marks a significant step towards fostering a more inclusive and enlightened generation of students in Karnataka.

### Pioneers of Higher Education: Women Who Blazed the Trail



As millions of students across India select their institutions and courses, it is heartening to note that women now make up about 49% of total enrolments in higher education, nearly equal to men. The Ministry of Education's data also shows that since 2017-18, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for women has surpassed that of men. These figures are particularly encouraging considering that, a century ago, women were largely barred from most higher educational institutions.

During the 19th century, the education of girls was a major focus for social reformers and the British government. However, the transition to higher education for women was not straightforward. Women were often restricted to women's colleges, which were few and far between, and many prestigious universities and colleges did not admit women at all. It was only through the determination of pioneering women that these barriers began to fall.

**A Letter to Tagore**

Rabindranath Tagore's residential school at Santiniketan, established in 1901, led to the founding of Visva-Bharati University in 1921,

which initially did not accept female students. Malati Choudhury, a determined teenager who later became a renowned social worker, wrote directly to Tagore requesting admission. Moved by her plea, Tagore opened a girls' hostel, leading to the admission of the first batch of female students in 1921-22.

**Leela Roy's Battle for Co-education**

Leela Roy, a revolutionary, sought a Master's degree from the University of Dhaka, which initially only admitted male students. Despite initial denial, her persistence led Vice-Chancellor P.J. Hartog to set up evening classes for her and three other women.

**Hansa Mehta's Determination**

Hansa Mehta was among the first women to enroll in Baroda College (now Maharaja Sayajirao University) between 1913 and 1917. Despite her father being a professor there, the college environment was hostile and unfriendly towards the few women students.

**Sucheta Kriplani's Resilience**

Sucheta Kriplani, later the first woman Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, faced a tough environment at St. Stephen's College, Delhi, as the only woman in her Master's class. Her academic excellence silenced her critics.

**First Dalit Woman in College**

Dakshayani Velayudhan, one of the first Dalit women to attend college in Cochin, faced severe discrimination from both peers and teachers but managed to graduate in 1935.

Today, the obstacles to education for women have significantly diminished, thanks to these pioneering women. Their stories inspire continued efforts to combat the remnants of patriarchy in our educational institutions. Sometimes, it takes just one person to change the course of history.

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Riddle: I am a degree that blends business acumen with management skills. Those who choose me often aspire to become successful managers, entrepreneurs, and business leaders. My curriculum covers subjects like marketing, finance, and human resources. What am I?

Riddle: I am a degree pursued by those fascinated by the natural world and the laws that govern it. My students spend their time studying subjects like biology, chemistry, and physics, conducting experiments, and uncovering the mysteries of science. What am I?

Riddle: I am a dreaded word for students, often referring to exams or assignments that weren't cleared on the first attempt. I represent an obstacle that needs to be overcome to progress in one's academic journey. What am I?

Riddle: I am an academic achievement that typically requires two years of study beyond high school. Often, I am pursued at community colleges or technical schools and can be a stepping stone to a bachelor's degree. What am I?

Riddle: I am a standardized test often taken by high school students to assess their readiness for college. My scores are used by universities for admission decisions and scholarship considerations. What am I?

Riddle: I am a program that allows students to study a particular subject in depth, often leading to a master's or doctoral degree. I require extensive research and a thesis or dissertation to complete. What am I?

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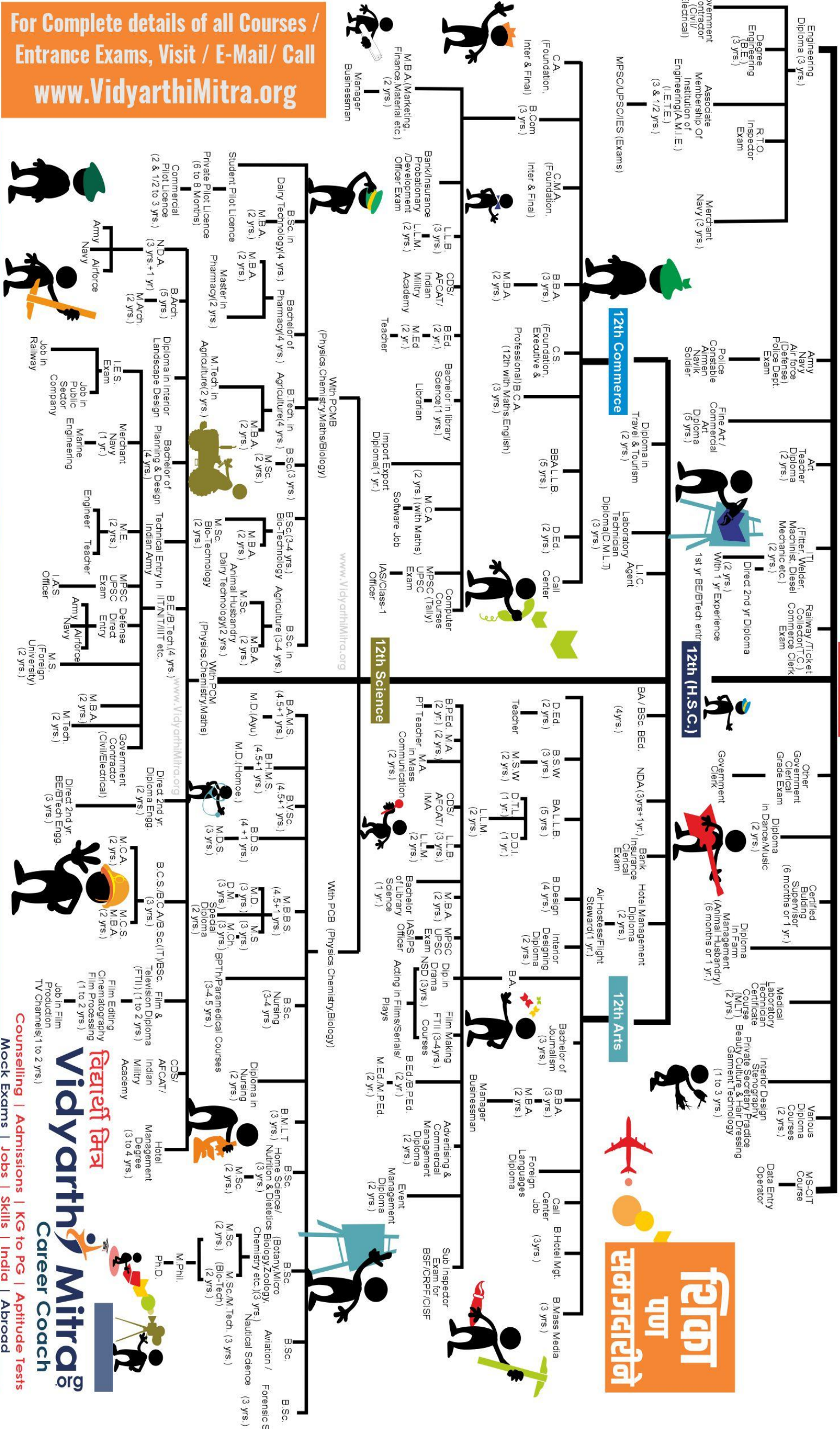
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