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## A GLOBAL DIGEST FOR THE MODERN EDUCATOR

### Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

#### THE PULSE: Policy, Accreditation & Governance

##### UGC Equity Regulations 2026

The University Grants Commission has notified new Equity Regulations aimed at eliminating caste-, gender-, and disability-based discrimination across Indian universities.

While the regulations reinforce inclusivity and institutional accountability, they have also sparked widespread debate among students and academic communities on questions of fairness, representation, and implementation mechanisms. ([Read more](#))

**Quality Implication:** Institutions will need to demonstrate transparent equity policies, grievance redressal systems, and evidence-based monitoring as part of governance and accreditation reviews.

#### GLOBAL DISPATCH: Internationalization & Mobility

##### Rising Costs for Indian Students Abroad

Rupee depreciation combined with stricter visa regimes has significantly increased the cost of studying in the **United States, United Kingdom, and Canada**. This trend is reshaping student decision-making and strengthening demand for transnational education models and international programmes delivered within India. ([Read more](#))

##### UK International Education Strategy

The United Kingdom has announced a strategic pivot toward expanding UK institutions overseas rather than increasing domestic international student intake. The initiative targets **£40 billion in education exports by 2030**, reinforcing offshore campuses, partnerships, and franchised delivery models. ([Read more](#))



UK drops international student targets in new strategy, raising fresh uncertainty for overseas learners

##### VBSA Bill 2025: A Structural Reform in Higher Education Regulation

The proposed VBSA Bill 2025 seeks to consolidate the UGC, AICTE, and NCTE into a single higher education regulator with distinct councils for regulation, accreditation, and academic standards. This reform is expected to simplify compliance, reduce duplication, and strengthen alignment with the objectives of **NEP 2020**. ([Read more](#))

**Quality Implication:** Institutions should prepare a more integrated, outcome-focused regulatory and accreditation environment.

##### Accreditation Reform in the United States

The U.S. Department of Education is revising accreditation recognition norms to address rising compliance costs and administrative burdens, while maintaining accountability and academic integrity.

**Global Perspective:** These reforms may influence international accreditation practices and cross-border recognition frameworks. ([Read more](#))

##### India–Germany Higher Education Roadmap

As part of bilateral cooperation, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has invited German universities to establish campuses in India. This signals a strategic shift toward deeper academic collaboration, joint degrees, research partnerships, and enhanced student mobility between the two countries. ([Read more](#))



## INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATIONS: MoU's & Partnerships

### Vivekanand Business School × INTI International University, Malaysia

Under this collaboration, 25 students have been awarded the International Academic Scholarship for a three-month academic immersion at INTI International University, strengthening global exposure and cross-cultural learning. ([Read more](#))

## Innovation & Entrepreneurship Spotlight

### Tetr Emerging Founders' Challenge

Tetr College has launched an entrepreneurship initiative offering equity-free grants to student-led startups. The programme aims to nurture innovation, early-stage ventures, and global entrepreneurial thinking among students. ([Read more](#))

### Editor's Note

*Quality enhancement today extends beyond compliance—it requires continuous awareness of policy shifts, global trends, and emerging opportunities.*

*We encourage academic departments, faculty members, and students to actively engage with at least one initiative highlighted in this edition.*

### Simandhar Education × EThames Business School

A strategic partnership has been established to integrate U.S. CPA and EA pathways into B.Com., BBA, and related undergraduate programmes, enhancing professional mobility and international credential alignment. ([Read more](#))

## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: Competitions

Faculty members are encouraged to disseminate the following opportunities among students:

- **Vidhigyaan 2026** – National Moot Court Competition ([Read more](#))
- **Vidhan 2026** – Policy Triathlon ([Read more](#))



These platforms promote experiential learning, policy engagement, legal reasoning, and national-level academic exposure.