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"Education is a journey that spans all ages. While youth is a gift, age is an art—both contributing to the pursuit of knowledge. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Education Jagat on its 10th year of publishing. I wish you continued success in your mission to inspire and educate."

EXCLUSIVE Address

I want to take this opportunity to express my warmest congratulations to your newspaper for such a significant contribution to the educational community worldwide. Education Jagat is an important newspaper in the field of education information, hosting the views of educators and scientists all over the world. I am honored that many of my works have been published in this newspaper, and I would like to continue to write in recognition of your great contribution to science, research, and information internationally. Congratulations on your significant contribution to the world of education. Internationally. Congratulations for your significant contribution to the world of education.



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Indian students at Columbia University gets visa revoked for 'supporting Hamas'; self-deports



■ EJ - Washington DC

An Indian student at Columbia University, whose visa was revoked for allegedly "advocating for violence and terrorism" and involvement in activities supporting Hamas, has self-deported.

Ranjani Srinivasan, a citizen and national of India, entered the United States on a F-1 student visa as a doctoral student in Urban Planning at Columbia University, the Department of Homeland Security said in a statement.

It added that Srinivasan was "involved in activities supporting" Hamas, a terrorist organisation. The Department of State had revoked her visa on March 5.

The Department of Homeland Security said it has obtained video footage of Srinivasan using the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Home App to self-deport on March 11.

Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem said in the statement that it is a "privilege to be granted a visa to live and study in the United States of America".

"When you advocate for violence and terrorism, that privilege should be revoked, and you should not be in this country. I am glad to see one of the Columbia University terrorist sympathisers use the CBP Home app to self-deport," Noem said.

The Department of Homeland Security had, on March 10, launched the CBP Home app

'Class XII students missing March 15 Hindi exam due to Holi will get an other opportunity'

■ EJ - New Delhi

CBSE announced that Class 12 students, who are unable to appear for their Hindi paper due to Holi celebrations in some regions, can appear later. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) said it will conduct a special examination for such students. Class 12 Hindi paper is scheduled to held on March 15, 2025.

In a notice, the board said: "It has been informed to CBSE that, though the festival of Holi would be celebrated on 14th March, 2025, in most parts of the country, in few places, either the celebrations would take place on



15th March, 2025 or celebrations would spill over to 15th March, 2025," reads the official notice.

"Accordingly, in view of the constraints that some students may face, it has been decided that, while Examination would

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NSUI, Left align against govt's education policies

■ EJ - New Delhi

Student leaders under the banner of the INDIA Alliance Student Organisation on Saturday voiced strong opposition to the government's policies affecting students, including the new UGC draft, the National Education Policy (NEP), and the issue of exam paper leaks.

A joint press conference was held under the banner of the INDIA Alliance Student Organisation, with participation from Congress' student wing - National Students' Union of India, the student wing of CPI (ML)-All India Students' Association



(AISA), the student wing of CPI (M) - Students' Federation of India, All India Students' Federation and other student organisations, according to a statement.

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Congratulations on achieving a significant milestone—your publication's 10th year! Over the past decade, Education Jagat has not only established itself as a leading career-focused tabloid but has also become an essential resource for millions of readers worldwide. Your unwavering commitment to providing insightful content and guidance in the field of education and career orientation is truly commendable. As you celebrate this important achievement, it is inspiring to reflect on your journey, which has profoundly impacted countless lives, including students, teachers, and career counselors. Your dedication to empowering individuals with knowledge and opportunities has firmly established your brand as an international leader in this field. , your reach grows even further, and your impact inspires future generations.

Dr. Azra Tajhizi
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Hearty congratulations on ten years of work! I congratulate you on your hard work, perseverance, and the spread of education, which helps create a better society. May your journey of shaping attitudes and promoting education thrive in the Education Jagat for many more decades!

Marijana Curic
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I sincerely congratulate Education Jagat on its 10th publication anniversary. Its dedication to promoting quality education and fostering academic growth has inspired educators, students, and professionals. I have been following your publications from Georgia. Keep shining for many years to come Educational Jagat Team.

May the coming years continue to bring innovation, and transformative contributions to the field of education. I wish Education Jagat a happy anniversary and many years of publication



Marika Chkhapelia
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It is an honor for me to address you on the 10th publishing of Education Jagat. This newspaper has been a beacon of knowledge and reflection in digital/print education. Since its inception, Education Jagat has been an invaluable platform for sharing innovative ideas, inspiring research, and transformative educational practices.

Personally, it has been a privilege to contribute to this newspaper and share my perspectives on education. Over the years, we have seen that the education sector has not only increased in access and relevance but also in its ability to connect teachers globally in rich dialogues about the future of education and learning. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the entire team behind the education sector for this unique achievement.



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The role of artificial intelligence in education

How artificial intelligence enhances project-based learning!

The term "Artificial Intelligence" (AI) - or in English "Artificial Intelligence" (AI) - was first officially used in 1955.

lignence.

Determining the level of intelligence largely depends on the task to be solved.

Technological development has substantially increased the availability of technical and software tools needed to create services

In general, there are three different forms of artificial intelligence: weak artificial intelligence, strong artificial intelligence, and the so-called Super artificial intelligence.

In recent decades, artificial intelligence has been used by all



Artificial intelligence is a branch of computer science that aims to create an intelligent computer program capable of achieving human intel-

based on artificial intelligence.

Artificial intelligence is already well trained. But this technology has already profoundly changed our daily life in almost all areas of life.

major companies. It is used in areas such as speech recognition, image and video analysis, unmanned vehicles, recommender systems, virtual assistants,



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healthcare diagnostics, Financial analysis and many others. EU countries say that those countries that are most actively using artificial intelligence will develop much faster than others, which means that this is the future. Therefore, it is important for students who will have to live in the world of artificial intelligence to understand exactly what it is, what positive or negative impact this technology can have on our daily life. Teaching about

artificial intelligence in media literacy leads to discussions about the ethical implications of these technologies, such as privacy, data collection, and algorithmic accountability.

By studying artificial intelligence, teenagers are given the opportunity to actively engage with media and technology. They can use AI tools to create media, critically analyze AI-driven content, and make informed choices. This gives young people the opportunity to be active contributors rather than passive consumers.

Artificial intelligence can improve healthcare, education, transportation, cyber security and many other fields. It helps people better solve complex problems, make more informed decisions and improve their quality of life.

It is important to spell out the procedures and responsibilities for checking the functioning of artificial systems and make the results of the checks available to the public.

The researchers also talk about the many benefits of artificial intelligence in the report. However, engineers and inventors must also consider the many potential risks that come with the technologies they create.

The golden thread of knowledge of India

There is a growing trend these days – HONORARY DOCTORATES – (DR). This disturbing development threatens the integrity of academic institutions, the credibility of research, and the overall progress of a nation's educational standards. What was once a symbol of years of dedicated research, innovation, and intellectual rigor is now becoming a mere commodity bought for a few thousand of rupees. Unfortunately, the real intent of seeking knowledge, which should be the lifeline of a developing country, is being sidelined by the charm of the prefix "Dr", which has turned into an easily acquired title and no longer is the result of arduous effort. This disturbing development threatens the integrity of academic institutions, the credibility of research and the overall progress of the Nation's.

Honorary Doctoral degrees once reserved for those who made substantial contribution to the society or intellectual fields are increasingly being sold to anyone willing to pay for them. These degrees are marketed as an easy way to gain academic recognition without requiring any meaningful work or contribution to the world of research. What

once represented years of academic struggle, intellectual curiosity and personal dedication is now just another "title for Sale"

The idea of honouring individuals with honorary doctorates for their social contributions has some

of Education.

Another complication added to this scenario is that, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is progressing at a rapid rate. While AI tools like ChatGPT have incredible potential to assist us in our daily routines and help streamline



mundane tasks, they also pose a significant challenge to the future of research and innovation. When students and professionals begin relying on AI to complete tasks such as finishing projects or entering comments into the progress report, they are sacrificing critical thinking, creativity and the development of problem solving skills. The tool becomes a shortcut to simply "tick off



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boxes" rather than empowering individuals to explore new perspectives or approach problem from a variety of angles. AI should be viewed as a tool to enhance creativity and efficiency and not replace intellectual efforts. It can help generate ideas, present varied viewpoints or offer insights that stimulate deeper thoughts. Unfortunately too many are now using AI as a way to bypass genuine intellectual engagement. Students, researchers and professionals use Ai to quickly complete assignments or reports, reducing the need to engage deeply with their work. This lazy reliance on technology diminishes the importance of real learning, creativity, and personal growth—values that should be at the core of any doctoral journey.

When combined with the trend of buying doctorates, we find ourselves at a crossroad where intellectual achievement through academic degrees, research and innovation are becoming less about intellectual achievement and more about quick, easily attained titles. Just like PhD can be bought in a supermarket like manner, many people have taken to AI as an easy solution for their academic and professional tasks further running down the dignity of honest labouring intellectuals.

Once upon a time, holding Doctoral degree commanded respect and admiration. It was a symbol of intellectual rigor, personal perseverance and a contribution to advancing human knowledge. However in today's world the prestige associated with doctoral degree is rapidly eroding. People who have "bought" a degree are afraid to show it off, fearing that they didn't earn it by putting in the time and effort of proper research. Conversely, some flaunt their bought titles in an arrogant manner which only serves to dilute the value of the degree. The irony is that what once required years of dedication and hard work can now be acquired as easily as buying a product from a store. And this is not just a matter of perception—this trend is actively weakening the academic framework that has traditionally supported the development of knowledge, research, and intellectual progress.

This is where WE- EDUCATORS, have to look really long and hard at what's going on in
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There is a difference in daily life between those who start their day with positive thoughts every morning and those who don't. If a day is built up with positive thoughts every day, the quality of life will change as well as the daily routine. Because positive thoughts change our mindset and behavior.

Congratulations on the 10th publishing of Education Jagat, which creates positive ideas for education around the world.



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It is my honor and pleasure to extend my warmest and most sincere congratulations to Education Jagat, for your extraordinary years of successful journey and enlightenment of minds. You are the great beacon of inspiration and power for countless students around the world. Education is a pillar of society and therefore deserves great attention.

Together with you, we will continue to build bridges of support and quality education and make the world a better place to live.

Opposition members in RS accuse the govt. of forcibly thrusting NEP on states

■ EJ - New Delhi

Opposition members in the Rajya Sabha on created an uproar over issues such as delimitation, the New Education Policy (NEP), and USAID. They staged a walkout after the chair rejected their motions to suspend business. This prompted the government to advise a refresher course in parliamentary work for leaders from Opposition ranks.

Soon after the second leg of the Budget session of Parliament resumed, Opposition members gave 12 notices under Rule 267 in the House to suspend normal business to take up discussions on a range of issues, including the impact of impending delimitation on Tamil Nadu, duplicate voter ID cards, and US President Donald Trump's remarks that USAID gave funds for voter turnout in India.

However, the Deputy Chairman, who was presiding over the House proceedings, rejected all notices, leading Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge to lead the opposition camp in staging a walkout.

Later, DMK MP P Wilson said that the DMK staged a walkout from the Rajya Sabha after the Deputy Chairman refused to allow a discussion on fair delimitation for Tamil Nadu. In an 'X' post, Wilson said, "The DMK floor leader Tiruchi Siva and I submit-



ted a notice under Rule 267 of the Business Rules of the Rajya Sabha to discuss fair delimitation for Tamil Nadu. This is critical, as the state has seen minimal population growth due to family planning policies. There is a growing concern about impending delimitation changes set to take effect in 2026."

Meanwhile, as soon as the Opposition members walked out of the House, Leader of the House and Union Health Minister JP Nadda alleged that adjournment notices had been reduced to tactics for defaming the House.

As he was allowed by the chair to speak, Nadda said, "This trend of moving adjournment notices is a vicious design to demean the institution of Parli-

ment. They (the opposition) are not interested in debate. They want to give an impression that the government does not want to answer. The government is ready to discuss anything under rules and regulations. We will discuss the budget of ministries. They will have ample time. There is a provision for a short duration and long duration discussions, but they do not know how to debate."

"I was Leader of Opposition in Himachal and got the best legislator award under their government. They should read the rules," he said, adding that the Opposition should go for a "refresher course" to get accustomed to parliamentary rules and regulations for discussions.

Delhi University UG 2025: Admission brochure out; BCom (Hons) open to non-Math students

■ EJ - New Delhi

The University of Delhi (DU) has released the admission brochure for the 2025-26 academic session at admission.uod.ac.in. This time, the university is making BCom (Hons) more accessible for students without Mathematics in Class 12. Students who did not study math or applied mathematics in Class 12 can now apply for BCom (Hons).

Instead of maths, students can apply with one language from subjects provided in List A, accountancy or bookkeeping or any two subjects from List B.

Since 2022, DU has offered two subject combinations for various undergraduate courses under CUET-UG admissions.

For BA (Hons) courses, students can now choose two languages from List A along with three domain subjects.

Admissions to DU's undergraduate programmes except in the case of the School of Open Learning, Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board and foreign national-als will continue to be based on



CUET UG scores. For admission to DU, it is mandatory for the candidate to appear in CUET UG 2025 in those subjects in which s(he) is appearing/has passed Class 12. In case the subject studied at Class 12 is not mentioned in the CUET UG 2025, the candidate must appear in the language or domain-specific subject that is similar or closely related to the subject the student has studied at Class 12.

Candidates desirous of seeking admission to the University of Delhi will also have to apply to the Common Seat Allocation System (UG) 2025. The details related to allocations and admissions through CSAS UG 2025 will be notified separately on the website of the University of

Delhi.

For BSc (Hons) in mathematics, computer science, and statistics, students must still have studied mathematics, but now they can choose two subjects from List B or two languages from List A.

Students applying under the EWS quota must ensure their certificate is issued after March 31, 2025.

Meanwhile, admissions to the Delhi University will be taken through CUET UG 2025 scores. The CUET UG 2025 exam will be held between May 8 and June 1. The last date to register for the entrance exam is March 22.

As per the CUET UG 2025 notification, NTA CUET UG application correction window will open on March 24, 2025. The CUET UG 2025 registration process will be basic and would comprise steps including registration, application, image upload and payment.

The CUET (UG) - 2025 will be conducted in 13 Indian languages i.e. English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu.

Future of 85 lakh children in 6 states at risk: Rahul slams BJP over 'padmavyuh' OF exam paper leaks

■ EJ - New Delhi

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi said examination paper leaks were a "systematic failure" and asserted that the "serious problem" would be eradicated only when all political parties and governments forget their differences to take strict steps together. The former Congress chief said the future of 85 lakh children in six states is at risk as paper leak has become the most dangerous "padmavyuh" for our youth.

"Paper leaks put hardworking students and their families into uncertainty and stress, taking away the fruits of their hard work. It also sends the wrong message to the next generation that dishonesty can be better than hard work, which is completely



unacceptable," he said in a post in Hindi on X.

"It has not even been a year since the NEET paper leak shook the country. After our protest, the Modi government hid behind a new law and called it a solution, but so many recent leaks have proven that to be a failure as

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Best Wishes on the 10th publishing of Education Jagat

"Wishing Education Jagat continued success and prosperity. May your efforts in education bring positive change and inspiration to many! May you keep inspiring and empowering learners everywhere!"

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Decline in Indian students going to US, UK & Canada; Russia, Germany increase

■ EJ - New Delhi

The number of Indians going abroad for higher education dipped by nearly 15 per cent in 2024 as against the previous year, informed Union Minister of State for Education Sukanta Majumdar in the Lok Sabha. According to a reply from the Education Minister in Parliament, in 2022, a total of 7,50,365 Indian students were studying abroad which went up to 8,92,989 in 2023. However, it dropped to 7,59,064, marking a decline of 1,33,920 students.

Meanwhile, Canada has registered the sharpest decline in 2024 with only 1,37,608 Indian students studying as against 2,33,532 in 2023. Some of the reasons for this decline are tighter student visa regulations that lead to a rise in visa rejections and study permit cancellations. The diplomatic tensions between India and Canada after the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar in 2023. The downward trend extended to other popular destinations like the United States where the number of students dropped from 2,34,473 students in 2023 to 2,04,058 in 2024 (a decline of 30,415). The shift followed Donald Trump's election as US President, raising concerns over visa policies. Universities in the US have already raised concerns. Christopher Clary, Associate Professor of Political Science, University at Albany, in a post on X said: "The drop in Indian



students studying in the US by 11% from 2023 to 2024 should be a cause for concern for US universities and policymakers. I suspect some of it is a depreciating rupee against the dollar, some policy uncertainty ahead of Trump. But it's a warning sign." Another popular country Australia too has registered a fall in number of Indians students — 78,093 in 2023 to 68,572 in 2024.

Moreover, the United Kingdom has also seen a fall from 1,36,921 in 2023 to 98,890 in 2024 (a 28% drop). As per a BBC report, nearly 10,000 university jobs could be at risk this academic year. The University and College Union (UCU) said 5,000 job cuts had already been announced, but thousands more roles could be at risk because of gaps in university funding.

While numbers declined in the

top 4 popular countries, Indian student enrollment increased in Russia, France, Germany, and New Zealand.

In Russia, the student count rose from 19,784 in 2022 to 23,503 in 2023, reaching 31,444 in 2024. France also saw an increase, with 6,406 students in 2022 growing to 8,536 in 2024. Similarly, Germany experienced a surge from 20,684 in 2022 to 34,702 in 2024, while New Zealand recorded a significant jump from 1,605 in 2022 to 7,297 in 2024.

In response to the growing number of Indian students abroad, the Indian government has implemented support measures such as the Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) to assist students in emergencies and the MADAD Portal for grievance redressal, ensuring their well-being and safety while studying overseas.

QS Rankings 2025: IITs, IIMs among 9 Indian institutions in top 50

■ EJ - New Delhi

Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIM) are among the nine Indian educational institutions featured in the top 50 in the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) ranking 2025.

Together, nine Indian universities and institutions made to the world's top 50 in the 15th edition of the QS subject-wise rankings. India aced top 12 of the 50 positions across the 55 subject rankings — which included subjects like arts and humanities, engineering and technology, life sciences and medicine, natural sciences, and social sciences and management.

About 79 Indian institutions were ranked among the world's top 550 universities, up from 69 last year.

The country also has the fifth highest number of new entries after China, the US, the UK and Korea.

"A total of 79 Indian universities — 10 more than last year — feature 533 times across this year's rank-

IIT-Delhi hikes PhD fellowship

■ EJ - New Delhi

Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi (IIT-Delhi) has increased its PhD fellowship from Rs. 37,000 to Rs 60,000 monthly to attract top research talent and strengthen India's innovation ecosystem.

The revised fellowship package includes additional financial benefits, such as an annual research contingency grant of Rs 20,000, a one-time lap-



ings, marking a 25.7 per cent increase compared to the previous edition. This includes 454 entries in individual subjects and 79 appearances across the five broad faculty areas," QS said in a statement.

Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad ranked 20th globally for Engineering-Mineral and Mining, making it the country's highest-performing subject area. Last year, ISM was placed at 41st position.

"This impressive improvement from last year demonstrates our unwavering commitment to academic rigor and research excellence. We remain focused on advancing our legacy of success and achieving even greater heights in the future," Sukumar Mishra, director of IIT (ISM), said in a statement.

Further, IIT Delhi and Bombay which shared the 45th rank for

PhD fellowship

top grant of Rs 50,000, and Rs 2.5 lakh for professional development, which supports participation in international conferences and workshops. Additionally, PhD scholars will receive up to Rs 1.5 lakh for international research visits.

IIT-Delhi Director Ranjan Bose emphasised the institute's commitment to fostering high-impact research.

Indian student...

the Homeland Security Department said.

Another student, Leqaa Kordia, a Palestinian from the West Bank, was arrested by ICE HSI Newark officers for overstaying her expired F-1 student visa. Her visa was terminated on January 26, 2022 for lack of attendance.

Previously, in April 2024, Kordia was arrested for her involvement in pro-Hamas protests at Columbia University in New York City, the department said.

Last week, the Trump administration had announced the immediate cancellation of approximately USD 400 million in federal grants and contracts to Columbia University due to the "school's continued inaction in the face of persistent harassment of Jewish students".

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Department of Education (ED) and the US General Services Administration (GSA) took the action as members of the Joint Task Force to Combat Anti-Semitism.

The Education Department said in a press release that Columbia University currently holds more than USD 5 billion in federal grant commitments.

President Donald Trump has asserted that any college or university that allows illegal protests and repeatedly fails to protect students from anti-Semitic harassment on campus will be subject to the loss of federal funding. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon has said since October 7, 2023, when Hamas attacked Israel, "Jewish students have faced relentless violence, intimidation, and anti-Semitic harassment on their campuses — only to be ignored by those who are supposed to protect them. Universities must comply with all federal anti-discrimination laws if they are going to receive federal funding."

"For too long, Columbia has abandoned that obligation to Jewish students studying on its campus. We demonstrate to Columbia and other universities that we will not tolerate their appalling inaction any longer," McMahon has said.

In the spring of last year, large-scale pro-Palestinian protests by students against the war in Gaza erupted across US campuses as well as at Columbia University that saw encampments on the West Lawn of Columbia's Morningside campus since April 19.

The Trump administration has arrested Columbia University graduate and legal permanent resident Mahmoud Khalil for his role in leading campus protests at Columbia against Israel.

On Thursday, the Columbia University Judicial Board issued "sanctions" to students ranging from "multi-year suspensions, temporary degree revocations, and expulsions" related to the occupation of Hamilton Hall last spring during the Gaza protests.

"With respect to other events taking place last spring, the UJB's determinations recognised previously imposed disciplinary action. The return of suspended students will be overseen by Columbia's University Life Office. Columbia is committed to enforcing the University's Rules and Policies and improving our disciplinary processes," the university said.

Class XII students...

be held on 15.03.2025, those students who find it difficult to appear in the same may decide not to appear on that day, i.e., 15.03.2025. It has, further, been decided that such students would be given an opportunity to ap-

pear along with those students for whom a special examination is conducted as per the policy of the Board, whereby a special examination is conducted for students participating in National or International level sports events," the notice added.

The Hindi Core (302)/Hindi Elective (002) exams for Class 12 are scheduled to be held on March 15, 2025. The class 12 exams will continue till April 2 and the class 10 exams till March 18.

NEP, UGC draft...

Most of these student organisations are affiliated with the INDIA bloc parties. During the conference, the student leaders raised several key issues, including the alliance's strong rejection of the new UGC draft, arguing that it compromises university transparency and enables arbitrary political appointments of Vice-Chancellors, which could lead to corruption in higher education institutions.

Additionally, the repeated paper leaks of UGC NET, CUET, and NEET were cited as evidence of large-scale corruption within the National Testing Agency (NTA), jeopardising the future of millions of students, it said.

To protest these issues, the student unions announced a nationwide mobilisation from March 17 to March 22, 2025. This will be followed by a mass rally on March 24 at Jantar Mantar at 11 am, with participation from educationists and former UGC chairpersons, it added.

NSUI national president Varun Chaudhary accused the government of dismantling the education system for political gain. "We demand an immediate rollback of these policies, the restoration of student union elections, and transparency in university administration," he said.

Trump dismantling

ment does not directly accredit colleges and universities, it over- sees the system by reviewing all federally recognized accrediting agencies. Institutions of higher education must be accredited to gain access to federal money for student financial aid.

Accreditation came under scrutiny from conservatives in 2022, when the Southern Assn. of Colleges and Schools questioned political interference at Florida public colleges and universities. Trump has said he would fire "radical left accreditors" and take applications for new accreditors that would uphold standards including "defending the American tradition" and removing "Marxist" diversity administrators.

Although the education secretary has the authority to terminate its relationship with individual accrediting agencies, it is an arduous process that has rarely been pursued. Under President Obama, the department took steps to cancel accreditors for a now-defunct for-profit college chain, but the Trump administration blocked the move. The group, the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools, was terminated by the Biden administration in 2022.

Money for schools

Much of the Education Department's money for K-12 schools goes through large federal programs, such as Title I for low-income schools and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Those programs support services for students with disabilities, lower class sizes with additional teaching positions, and pay for social workers and other non-teaching roles in schools.

During his campaign, Trump called for shifting those functions to the states. He has not offered details on how the agency's core functions of sending federal money to local districts and schools would be handled.

The Heritage Foundation's Project 2025, a sweeping proposal outlining a far-right vision for the country, offered a blueprint. It suggested sending oversight of programs for kids with disabilities and low-income children first to the Department of Health and Human Services, before eventually phasing out the funding and converting it to no-strings-attached grants to states.

Chinese universities..

paper argues that — in the absence of any radical adverse policies — interest from Chinese students in the US is unlikely to decline.

In recent years, the Chinese government has introduced several key policies to revitalise international exchanges that fell during the pandemic, including plans to welcome 50,000 young Americans to study in China.

This highlighted in the report, the Chinese government claimed that 14,000 Americans came to China in 2024, though many of these were short-term exchange programs

Moreover, "Chinese universities are more open to partnerships beyond the 'Big Four' and the EU", said Weeks, driven by a broad government mandate to foster more global ties.

Currently, 300,000 Chinese students are enrolled in Sino-foreign cooperative programs such as dual degrees within China — with Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University the largest provider, accounting for over 8% of the national total.

Noteworthy partnerships forged in 2024 included Southern University of Science and Technology collaborating with King's College London School of Medicine, establishing a joint degree program where students earn a double degree after completing their studies in China.

What's more, two Chinese institutions opened a campus in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, while Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory announced plans to establish a music program partnership with a large public university in Chongqing.

"In 2025, new partnerships are less likely to focus on 2+2 programs that once supercharged recruitment of Chinese students overseas, but new partnerships may still support enrollment growth from China," predicted the report.

China's strict Covid border closures caused the number of international students to decline sharply from 2020-2022. As restrictions eased, China reported a global student population of 253,177 last year, with numbers from the West slow to recover.

Some Chinese universities are yet to rebuild their reputation since the pandemic when various institutions accepted tuition from international students who weren't able to obtain visas, forcing them to take "low-quality" online courses, said Weeks.

China's slow post-pandemic economic recovery is further hindering internationalization goals, with fewer internship opportunities for international students looking to learn Chinese and enhance their careers.

As for outbound mobility, the white paper highlights the continued growth and diversification of Chinese students studying abroad, with global political uncertainty making the UK a particularly attractive destination.

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Why Trump dismantling the US education dept. is a civil rights issue



Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and fellow senators, from left, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Sen. Gary Peters (D-Mich.) and Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) criticize President Trump for his plan to shut down the Education Department, during a news conference at the Capitol in Washington

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President Trump has said he wants his new education chief, Linda McMahon, to “put herself out of a job.”

Since Trump took office, staffing at the Education Department has been cut in half, and he has been mulling an executive order to close the agency.

Eliminating the department altogether would be a cumbersome task, which likely would require an act of Congress.

Already, the Trump administration has started overhauling much of the department’s work. Trump advisor Elon Musk’s Department of Government Efficiency has cut dozens of contracts it dismissed as “woke” and wasteful. It gutted the Institute of Education Sciences, which gathers data on the nation’s academic progress.

The agency’s main role is financial. Annually, it distributes billions in federal money to colleges and schools and manages the federal student loan portfolio. Closing the department would mean redistributing each of those duties to another agency. The Education Department also plays an important regulatory role in services for students, ranging from those with disabilities to low-income and homeless kids. Indeed, federal education money is central to Trump’s plans for colleges and schools. Trump has vowed to cut off federal money for schools and colleges that push “critical race theory, transgender insanity, and other inappropriate racial, sexual or political content” and to reward states and schools that end teacher tenure and support universal school choice pro-

grams.

Federal funding makes up a relatively small portion of public school budgets — roughly 14%. Colleges and universities are more reliant on it, through research grants along with federal financial aid that helps students pay their tuition.

Here is a look at some of the department’s key functions, and how Trump has said he might approach them.

Student loans and financial aid

The Education Department manages approximately \$1.5 trillion in student loan debt for over 40 million borrowers. It also oversees the Pell Grant, which provides aid to students below a certain income threshold, and administers the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which universities use to allocate financial aid. President Biden’s administration made cancellation of student loans a signature effort of the department’s work. Even though Biden’s initial attempt to cancel student loans was overturned by the Supreme Court, the administration forgave over \$175 billion for more than 4.8 million borrowers through a range of changes to programs it administers, such as Public Service Loan Forgiveness. The loan forgiveness efforts have faced Republican pushback, including litigation from several GOP-led states.

Trump has criticized Biden’s efforts to cancel debt as illegal and unfair, calling it a “total catastrophe” that “taunted young people.” Trump’s plan for student debt is uncertain: He has not put out detailed plans.

Civil rights enforcement

Through its Office for Civil Rights, the Education Department

conducts investigations and issues guidance on how civil rights laws should be applied, such as for LGBTQ+ students and students of color. The office also oversees a large data collection project that tracks disparities in resources, course access and discipline for students of different racial and socioeconomic groups.

Trump has suggested a different interpretation of the office’s civil rights role. Under his administration, the department has instructed the office to prioritize complaints of antisemitism above all else and has opened investigations into colleges and school sports leagues for allowing transgender athletes to compete on women’s teams.

In his campaign platform, Trump said he would pursue civil rights cases to “stop schools from discriminating on the basis of race.” He has described diversity and equity policies in education as “explicit unlawful discrimination” and said colleges that use them will pay fines and have their endowments taxed.

Trump also has pledged to exclude transgender students from Title IX protections, which affect school policies on students’ use of pronouns, bathrooms and locker rooms. Originally passed in 1972, Title IX was first used as a women’s rights law. Last year, Biden’s administration said the law forbids discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation, but a federal judge undid those protections.

College accreditation

While the Education Department

Chinese universities “hungry” for international partnerships



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Despite several US universities recently backing out of China, the Chinese government is continuing to push for greater internationalisation of higher education, with institutions “hungry” for partnerships.

A new white paper by marketing and research firm Sunrise International has highlighted China’s strategic plan to rebuild international student enrolment that dropped during the pandemic, while fostering stronger educational ties abroad.

It follows a string of US institutions, including the University of Michigan, Georgia Tech, and public universities across Texas and Florida, backing out of Chinese partnerships amid national security concerns.

While the affected Chinese institutions will need time to build back the confidence of students cautious of dual US-China degrees, “the door remains open on the Chinese side to partnering with US schools,” said Sunrise CEO David Weeks.

“Chinese media has condemned the closures as politically motivated and unfair,” said Weeks: “Tensions like this speak to a need for more people-to-people exchanges, and universities can mitigate the impact by closing programs responsibly and offering proper support to currently enrolled students.”

Despite increased scrutiny of the US-China relationship under the Trump administration, the white

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