

# EQUIP

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## Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP)

**Source:** PIB

In a bid to transform the higher education in the country, the Department of Higher Education of HRD Ministry has finalized and released a five-year vision plan named Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP).

### Ten focus areas

This report has been prepared after a detailed exercise done by the experts covering the following ten focus areas;

- Strategies for expanding access
- Towards global best teaching/learning process
- Promoting excellence
- Governance reforms
- Assessment
- Accreditation and ranking systems
- Promotion of research and innovation
- Employability and entrepreneurship
- Using technology for better reach and internationalisation
- Financing higher education

### Suggestions to transform the higher education in India

The **ten Expert Groups drawn from senior academicians, administrators and industrialists**, have suggested more than 50 initiatives that would transform the higher education sector completely. **The Groups have set the following goals for higher education sector:**

- **Double the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)** in higher education and resolve the geographically and socially

- skewed access to higher education institutions in India
- Upgrade the quality of education to global standards
  - Position at least 50 Indian institutions among the top-1000 global universities
  - Introduce governance reforms in higher education for well-administered campuses
  - Accreditation of all institutions as an assurance of quality
  - Promote Research & Innovation ecosystems for positioning India in the Top-3 countries in the world in matters of knowledge creation
  - Double the employability of the students passing out of higher education
  - Harness education technology for expanding the reach and improving pedagogy
  - Promote India as a global study destination
  - Achieve a quantum increase in investment in higher education

For each initiative, the Groups have recommended modalities for implementation, investments and timelines.