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Studying in India



सत्यमेव जयते

*Embassy of India
Madrid*

History of Education in India

- ❑ Started thousands of years ago when great scholars used to teach through scriptures
- ❑ Under Buddhist influence education was available to virtually everyone who wanted it
- ❑ World famous institutions in ancient India:
 - Nalanda, Takshshila and Vikramshila
- ❑ Nalanda which flourished from 5th to 13th Century A.D. was more noteworthy - with about 10,000 resident students from India and abroad
- ❑ 11th century- Muslims establish schools, colleges and universities
- ❑ With arrival of the British, English education came into being with Universities and Colleges set up in the 19th century

Education in Modern India

- 354 Universities and thousands of colleges including
- 428 Engineering Colleges and Technological Institutes
- More than 100 Medical Colleges
- Scores of Agriculture Institutes
- Many other specialized centres of learning & research

Why India - I

- ✓ Quality Education
- ✓ Economical as compared to other countries
- ✓ Wide spectrum of courses – World's second largest higher education network
- ✓ 354 Universities and about 17,000 colleges recognized globally
- ✓ Welcoming atmosphere
- ✓ Enriching experience

Why India - II

- ✓ Non-discriminatory approach and assured educational and career growth
- ✓ Quality education within the reach of every income-group, considering the reasonable fee structure
- ✓ Average cost of studying in India is almost $\frac{1}{4}$ of that charged in Western Universities
- ✓ Economical cost of living – about US\$ 100-150 p.m.
- ✓ 66 distance education institutions functioning in 60 universities besides 11 Open Universities.
- ✓ Enlarged outreach of distant education as well.

Why India - III

- Provides an opportunity to know and learn about ancient Indian culture
- A large number of foreign students study in India at any given time under various scholarship schemes or on self-financing basis
- For example, about 15,000 students from Africa study in India every year

Scholarships

- Under its Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme, Government of India has been providing scholarships to nominees of 156 countries in Asia, East Europe, Central Asia, Africa and Latin America since 1964.
- About 5100 ITEC scholarships are offered every year – 4500 for civilian courses and about 600 for defence related courses
- Apart from training, projects are also undertaken as part of this programme.
- Indian teachers sent to other countries at GOI expense

ICCR Scholarships

- Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), an organization under Ministry of External Affairs offers scholarships to international students in various programmes and disciplines
- Apart from normal courses scholarships are available also for research work and non-formal courses (religion, classical music, dance, crafts etc.)
- 1804 scholarships at various levels every year for students from over 70 countries under various schemes of the Council
- Five scholarships are available for students from Spain for post graduate/doctorate courses

Procedure for Applying

- Application forms available in Embassy of India, Madrid on web site
- Applications to be sent directly to the Embassy or through the Government of Spain
- The course to be pursued should be specified in the application form
- Educational certificates for courses on the basis of which admission is sought to accompany the application
- Academic session begins in India in July every year.
- Last date of receipt of applications is 10 February every year

Terms & Conditions of Scholarship

- Tuition fee
- Other compulsory fees including thesis and dissertation charges - as per actuals
- Living Allowance- different rates for different level of courses
 - Undergraduate/postgraduate courses.
 - M.Phil/ Ph.D/ M Tech/ ME
 - Post-doctoral
- Contingency grant- a yearly grant
- House Rent Allowance

Other Facilities/Activities

- Study Tours – once a year
 - Cost of return First Class train fare
 - Daily allowance in addition to normal living allowance
- ICCR organizes a special cultural programme “Friendship through Culture” on 11 November each year
- Free treatment at Govt hospitals

Visa

- Students going to India for study whether on a scholarship or on self-financing basis should do so on a Student Visa
- Student visa issued for duration of the course of study
- Research visa required for doctoral-level courses
- Issued on basis of firm letters of admission from Universities/recognized colleges or educational institutions in India
- Visa can be obtained from Embassy of India in Madrid, Honorary Consulates General in Barcelona or Tenerife
- Student/Research visa fee is Euro 93 upto five years
- Caution: Conversion of tourist visa into student/research visa not allowed

Medical/Accommodation facilities

- Hostel accommodation available but not guaranteed
- Students can also stay outside if they so wish
- Most institutions have their own campus clinics for common ailments
- Advisable to have medical insurance- Institutes can help

Other Requirements

- The academic programmes are in English medium and hence proficiency in English is a must
- Indian institutions do not insist on GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, IELTS or any other language test
- An oral test is conducted at the Embassy in Madrid
- Medical examination
 - All foreign students going to India need to undergo a medical test for AIDS

Important Websites for More Information:

- www.india.gov.in
- www.edcil.co.in
- www.iccrindia.org

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Thank you