

GS-II Issues Relating to Development and Management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources

1. To be among the best in the world, Indian Universities must be freed from Excessive Interference and Politicization. Comment

Why this Question?

- In the recent subject-wise ranking of world universities by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), not even a single Indian university features in the QS ranking of the world's top 150 in overall parameters.

Key Demands of Question:

- Explain the key challenges and issues in the Indian higher education system and the way forward measures to address the issue.

Directive Word:

Comment:

- When you are asked to comment, you have to pick main points and give your 'opinion' on them based on evidences or arguments stemming from your wide reading.
- Your opinion may be for or against, but you must back your argument with evidences.
- These types of question offer you a chance to consolidate your reading of different subjects to justify your opinion.

Structure of Answer:

Introduction:

- Give brief intro about the Indian higher education system by mentioning recent report like QS university ranking report.

Body:

- Examine the various issues and challenges that hampering the Indian university. For example excessive political interference, lack of autonomy, lack of infrastructure, lack of viable finance mechanisms, etc.
- Discuss the way forward measures to address the issue like giving autonomy, smart finance mechanisms, interactive pedagogy, and importance to R&D, reduce the excessive interference, etc.
- Highlight the initiatives taken by the government in this regard like Institute of Eminence scheme, etc.

Conclusion:

- Conclude with the significance of the higher education especially developing country like India with Huge Young Population.

