

BIG IDEA
OF THE DAY

“ The future of education will be shaped by two forces—
how we learn, and how we support the learner. ”

LEAD STORY

UGC ACCELERATES INDIA'S
TRANSITION TOWARDS
HYBRID HIGHER EDUCATION

SWAYAM Integration Signals a New Era of Flexible, Credit-Based University Learning



EDUCATION INTELLIGENCE CARD

Policy
Higher Education Reform

Authority
UGC

Coverage
Universities & Colleges
Across India

Effective
July 2026 Semester

Primary Focus
Academic Integration
of SWAYAM MOOCs

Long-term Impact

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The UGC has directed Higher Education Institutions to integrate approved SWAYAM MOOCs into their academic programmes from the July 2026 semester. Universities are expected to map online courses with existing curricula, facilitate student enrolment, recognise academic credits, and, where applicable, conduct SWAYAM examinations on their own campuses. It represents a decisive move toward mainstreaming blended learning across Indian higher education.

WHY THIS MATTERS

✓ Students gain access to courses from India's leading institutions.

✓ Universities can modernise curricula without expanding infrastructure.

✓ Credit-based learning becomes more flexible & interdisciplinary.

✓ Industry-oriented subjects can be introduced more quickly.

✓ The reform supports the broader objectives of NEP 2020.

KEY NUMBERS

3,600+ SWAYAM Courses Available

1,000+ HEIs Expected to Implement

40+ Disciplines Covered

35 Lakh+ Students Already Enrolled (Cumulative)

REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT

“ The future university will no longer be defined by the size of its campus, but by the quality and accessibility of its learning ecosystem. ”

EDITOR'S ANALYSIS

The integration of SWAYAM into mainstream university education marks a structural evolution rather than a technological upgrade. Success will depend on credit-transfer mechanisms, faculty readiness, digital infrastructure and academic guidance. Universities that embrace this transition will strengthen their academic relevance in a competitive and future-ready education landscape.

WHAT'S NEXT?

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Universities identify approved SWAYAM courses

Departments align MOOCs with curricula

Students begin course registration

Credit-transfer frameworks operationalised

Blended learning becomes part of academic delivery

THE BIG QUESTION

Are Indian universities institutionally prepared to transform classroom teaching into a truly blended learning ecosystem?

SECOND LEAD

CBSE PLACES STUDENT
WELL-BEING AT THE CENTRE
OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

Professional Counselling Moves from Support Service to Core Educational Responsibility

EDUCATION INTELLIGENCE CARD

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Focus
Student Wellness &
Career Guidance

Beneficiaries
Students, Parents &
Schools

Long-term Impact

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CBSE is strengthening its vision of holistic schooling by embedding professional counselling into the daily functioning of affiliated schools. The framework recognises that academic success must be accompanied by emotional resilience, informed career planning and mental well-being.

WHY THIS MATTERS

✓ Student mental health receives institutional recognition.

✓ Career guidance becomes a structured educational service.

✓ Schools move beyond examination-centric education.

✓ Parents receive stronger professional support.

✓ Holistic development becomes central to school quality.

KEY NUMBERS

28,000+ CBSE Affiliated Schools

1 Crore+ Students Impacted (Approx.)

75% Schools to Strengthen Counselling Services

10+ Areas of Wellness & Career Support

REPUBLIC STUDENT INSIGHT

“ The most successful schools of the future may not be those that produce the highest examination scores, but those that produce emotionally resilient and purpose-driven learners. ”

EDITOR'S ANALYSIS

This reform reflects a broader understanding of education where emotional well-being and career exploration are integral to learning. Implementation will depend on the availability of qualified counsellors, capacity building, and consistent standards across schools. When executed well, this initiative can create safer, more supportive and future-ready learning environments.

WHAT'S NEXT?

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Schools review counselling capacity

Recruitment of qualified professionals

Integration of wellness & career guidance

Capacity-building & continuous training

Monitoring & measuring outcomes

THE BIG QUESTION

Can schools transform counselling from a compliance requirement into a culture that genuinely supports every learner?

EDUCATION BRIEFS

INSIDE TODAY

Telangana Schools to Introduce AI Basics from Class 6 in 2026-27

The State Education Department announces a phased rollout of Artificial Intelligence curriculum to prepare students for future-ready skills.

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NATIONAL EDUCATION

NTA Emphasises Transparency in NEET UG Counselling Process

Revised SOPs for documentation and allotment to ensure fairness and reduce student grievances.

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GLOBAL EDUCATION

UNESCO Report: AI Will Redefine 60% of Jobs Requiring Higher Education

Report urges countries to strengthen digital literacy, critical thinking and ethical innovation in education systems worldwide.

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EDUCATION POLICY WATCH

Understanding the Policies That Are Reshaping Indian Education

Beyond Digital Learning: Why the UGC's SWAYAM Reform Could Redefine University Education

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India's higher education system has reached an important point of transition. For decades, universities have been built around a fixed model—students attend classrooms, faculty deliver lectures, and institutions independently design and deliver academic programmes. The latest direction to integrate SWAYAM courses into university curricula signals that this traditional model is beginning to evolve.

This reform is not about replacing classroom education with online learning. Instead, it reflects a broader vision in which universities become facilitators of knowledge rather than the sole providers of it. By integrating nationally recognised online courses into regular academic programmes, institutions are being encouraged to create more flexible, interdisciplinary and student-centred learning environments.

The policy opens opportunities for students studying in institutions where specialised courses may not be available. A learner pursuing engineering, commerce, law or science can now complement classroom education with courses developed by some of India's leading academic institutions.

This expands academic choice without requiring students to change universities or relocate to another city.

For universities, however, the reform demands thoughtful preparation. Departments will need to review curricula, map appropriate online courses, establish transparent credit-transfer systems and guide students in selecting courses that genuinely enhance their academic journey. Faculty members will increasingly become mentors who help students navigate a wider ecosystem of learning rather than relying solely on conventional classroom instruction.

EDUCATION INTELLIGENCE

What Changes for Universities?

Academic departments will review curriculum structures.

SWAYAM courses will be aligned with existing degree programmes.

Students will have recognised opportunities to earn academic credits through approved online learning.

Institutions will be expected to strengthen digital academic support and counselling.

REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITOR'S ANALYSIS

“This reform should not be interpreted as a technology initiative. It is fundamentally an academic governance reform. Technology has already become accessible across most universities. The real question is whether institutions are prepared to redesign teaching, assessment and academic planning around a more flexible learning model. The universities that succeed over the next decade will not necessarily be those with the largest campuses or the highest enrolment. They will be those that continuously modernise their curriculum, encourage interdisciplinary learning and prepare students for an economy where knowledge evolves faster than textbooks.

Hybrid education is no longer the future. It is becoming the new academic standard.

Engineering Education Enters a New Phase of Accountability

Quality, Not Quantity, Is Becoming the New Measure of Success

REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL BUREAU

The progressive closure of engineering institutions across India should not be viewed merely as a reduction in the number of colleges. It represents a deeper transformation within technical education.

For nearly two decades, India's engineering ecosystem expanded rapidly to meet growing aspirations for professional education. While this expansion improved access, it also created wide variations in institutional quality, employability outcomes and industry relevance.

Today's students are making more informed choices, preferring institutions that demonstrate academic excellence, modern infrastructure, research opportunities and strong placement records.

EDUCATION INTELLIGENCE

What This Means for Students

- Evaluate colleges based on academic quality rather than seat availability.
- Prioritise institutions with strong industry partnerships.
- Consider internship opportunities, research exposure and innovation ecosystems before making admission decisions.
- Focus on developing future-ready skills alongside formal qualifications.

“The closure of institutions should not be interpreted as a decline in engineering education. Rather, it signals the beginning of a more accountable and outcome-oriented higher education system. A successful engineering college is no longer defined by the number of classrooms it possesses but by the opportunities it creates for students after graduation.

TG LAW CET Counselling Begins: Every Decision Matters

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With the commencement of the counselling process for law admissions, thousands of aspiring legal professionals across Telangana are entering one of the most significant phases of their academic journey.

While entrance examinations determine eligibility, counselling ultimately shapes educational opportunities. The choices students make during this stage influence not only the institution they join but also the academic environment, internship opportunities, faculty exposure and professional networks they will experience over the coming years.

Students should approach counselling strategically rather than emotionally. Instead of selecting colleges solely based on reputation, candidates should carefully evaluate academic standards, faculty strength, placement support, legal aid clinics, moot court activities, alumni achievements and specialisation opportunities.

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Before exercising web options, every candidate should:

- Research each institution thoroughly.
- Prepare a realistic preference list.
- Verify all uploaded documents.
- Understand the admission schedule.
- Avoid last-minute decisions.

JoSAA Round 3 Seat Allotment Released

Understand Freeze, Float and Slide Before Making Your Choice

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The Joint Seat Allocation Authority has announced Round 3 seat allotment for admissions to IITs, NITs, IIITs and other participating institutions.

Candidates must carefully review their allotment status and understand the three key options available during the decision stage—Freeze, Float and Slide.

Freeze: Accept the allotted seat and confirm admission.

Float: Accept the seat but remain in the pool for upgradation in the next round.

Slide: Opt for upgradation within the same institute based on available higher-preference programmes.

Students should evaluate their options based on branch preference, future opportunities and long-term goals rather than short-term excitement.

REPUBLIC STUDENT ADVISORY

Make informed decisions, follow deadlines strictly and stay updated with official notifications.

EDUCATION INTELLIGENCE

THIS WEEK IN INDIAN EDUCATION

UGC directs universities to integrate SWAYAM MOOCs into July 2026 semester programmes.

Higher Education Institutions begin planning blended learning implementation.

AICTE confirms progressive closure of 58 engineering and technical institutions.

TG LAW CET Phase-I counselling begins across Telangana.

Universities prepare for the commencement of the new academic session.

REPUBLIC STUDENT DATA DESK

EDUCATION NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

1,054+

SWAYAM Courses Available

7.2 Lakh+

Current SWAYAM Enrollments

58

Engineering Colleges Closed (Progressively)

950+

Courses Discontinued

10 July

Last Date for TG LAW CET Registration

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The Future Will Reward Institutions That Continue to Evolve

Indian education is gradually moving away from an era of expansion towards an era of accountability.

The policies introduced this week collectively point in the same direction. Universities are expected to become more flexible. Schools are expected to become more supportive. Technical institutions are expected to become more accountable. Students are expected to become lifelong learners.

These are not isolated developments. They represent different chapters of the same national story.

The coming decade will not be defined by the number of schools, colleges or universities India builds. It will be defined by the quality of education they deliver, the adaptability they demonstrate and the confidence they instil in every learner.

Education systems that embrace change thoughtfully will prepare students not only for examinations but also for a future where continuous learning, ethical leadership and innovation determine success.

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Admissions | Universities
Student Opportunities | Higher Education

JoSAA Round 3 Seat Allotment Marks the Beginning of the Most Important Admission Decisions

The Excitement Is Real. The Responsibility Is Bigger.

The release of the third round of JoSAA seat allotment represents far more than another counselling milestone. For thousands of engineering aspirants, it marks the beginning of one of the most important academic decisions of their lives.

An entrance examination measures preparation. Counselling measures judgement.

Students who have secured a seat now face a series of choices that require thoughtful evaluation rather than emotional decision-making. The options available during counselling are not merely administrative selections; they determine the academic environment, professional exposure, research opportunities and industry connections that will shape the next four years.

Many students continue to compare institutions only through national rankings. While rankings provide useful indicators, they rarely tell the complete story. The strength of an engineering institution is equally reflected in its faculty expertise, laboratory ecosystem, research culture, innovation centres, internship opportunities, startup incubation, alumni achievements and placement outcomes.

The flexibility offered during the counselling process allows students to carefully balance ambition with practicality. Every decision should be based on long-term educational goals rather than short-term excitement.

EDUCATION INTELLIGENCE

Before Confirming Admission

Compare academic ecosystem rather than popularity.

Evaluate branch preference alongside institutional quality.

Study placement records over multiple years.

Understand future specialisation opportunities.

Complete all admission formalities within the notified schedule.

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Engineering education is entering a new era where informed decision-making matters as much as examination performance.

The institution a student chooses will influence not only classroom learning but also exposure to research, innovation, entrepreneurship and professional networks. Students who invest time in understanding an institution before confirming admission often make stronger long-term career decisions.

The admission season should therefore be viewed not as a race to secure a seat but as an opportunity to choose an ecosystem that supports continuous growth.

TG EAPCET Counselling Enters Its Most Critical Stage

Thoughtful Preference Selection Can Shape Future Opportunities

Thousands of engineering aspirants across Telangana are now entering the most decisive phase of the counselling process as they finalise their web options before seat allotment.

At first glance, preference editing may appear to be a routine online activity. In reality, it is one of the most significant academic decisions students make after completing an entrance examination.

The colleges and programmes selected during this stage determine not only where students study but also the quality of faculty they learn from, the laboratories they use, the research culture they experience and the professional opportunities they access during graduation.

Many students arrange colleges based only on public perception. However, thoughtful counselling requires deeper evaluation.

Choosing a college should never become a competition driven by prestige alone. It should be a decision based upon compatibility between the student's aspirations and the institution's strengths.

EDUCATION INTELLIGENCE

Before Locking Preferences

Review institutional accreditation.

Understand industry collaborations.

Examine placement performance across several years.

Evaluate campus learning environment.

Compare faculty strength and research output.

Prepare realistic and balanced preference lists.

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Preference editing represents one of the few opportunities where students retain complete control over their admission journey. Once allotments are announced, opportunities become progressively limited. Every preference submitted today becomes an investment in tomorrow's opportunities.

Medical Aspirants Must Give Equal Importance to Administrative Responsibilities

Discipline Beyond Books Matters.

Preparing for medical admissions requires much more than academic excellence.

As admission activities continue, students are also expected to complete multiple administrative processes, including document verification, financial formalities and official communication with admission authorities.

These responsibilities may appear routine, but overlooking even a small requirement can delay admissions, financial transactions or subsequent counselling procedures.

Professional education demands professional discipline. Students should therefore maintain organised records, monitor official notifications regularly and complete every procedural requirement well before the deadline instead of waiting until the final day.

EDUCATION INTELLIGENCE

Every Applicant Should

Verify account number.

Confirm IFSC code.

Ensure the account is active.

Keep transaction records safely.

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Administrative deadlines are often underestimated by students. Yet simple oversights can result in avoidable financial inconvenience. Effective academic planning includes managing documentation, finances and official communication with the same level of discipline applied to entrance examinations. Administrative responsibility is itself an important life skill.

Common Entrance Systems Continue to Transform University Admissions

A National Shift Towards Common Entrance-Based Undergraduate Selection

India's higher education landscape continues to move towards greater transparency through the expanding adoption of common entrance-based admissions.

The gradual acceptance of national entrance examinations across universities reflects a larger commitment to fairness, consistency and academic credibility.

Students from different educational boards are increasingly evaluated through common assessment frameworks, creating more comparable admission standards.

For learners, this transformation simplifies the admission process by reducing the need for multiple entrance examinations while expanding opportunities to apply across a wider range of institutions.

For universities, common entrance systems create greater consistency while allowing institutions to focus on academic quality rather than managing multiple admission procedures.

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Transparent admissions build public confidence in educational institutions.

The objective of common entrance systems should never be limited to administrative convenience. Their true purpose is to ensure that every deserving student receives an equal opportunity to compete through a fair and consistent evaluation process.

As India's higher education system continues to mature, transparency will become one of its strongest foundations.

Admissions Are No Longer About Securing a Seat—They Are About Choosing the Right Learning Ecosystem

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A university experience is shaped by much more than classroom teaching. Faculty mentorship, research opportunities and innovation culture make a lasting impact.
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Students who evaluate institutions through this broader perspective are more likely to build meaningful careers rather than simply earn academic qualifications.
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The future of higher education will belong to institutions that continuously innovate and adapt to global and industry needs.
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Choosing the right institution is a decision that requires clarity, purpose and informed judgement—not just emotional excitement.
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Be informed. Be prepared. Choose wisely. Your future depends on the choices you make today.

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CAMPUS OUTLOOK



GLOBAL CLASSROOM

International Education | AI & Learning
Cambridge Education | Future Skills

Norway Restricts Generative AI for Students Under 13

A Global Debate Begins on When Children Should Learn With Artificial Intelligence

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Artificial Intelligence is transforming classrooms across the world, but an important question is beginning to shape education policy in several countries: At what age should children start using AI?

Norway has taken a significant step by deciding that students below the age of 13 in primary schools will generally not be introduced to generative AI as part of classroom learning. Instead, the country's education system has chosen to strengthen traditional learning methods during the early years of schooling while introducing AI gradually as students become older.

The decision reflects a growing belief among educators that foundational skills such as reading, writing, logical reasoning, creativity and independent problem-solving must develop before children begin depending on intelligent digital tools.

Supporters of the approach argue that young learners need opportunities to ask questions, make mistakes, solve problems independently and experience the natural process of learning without immediate technological assistance. These experiences contribute to cognitive development, confidence and curiosity, which remain essential regardless of technological advancement.

The policy does not reject AI as an educational resource. Instead, it recognises that every stage of childhood requires different teaching methods, and that technology should complement—not replace—the developmental needs of young learners.

As governments around the world continue exploring responsible AI adoption, Norway's approach has opened an important international discussion about balancing technological innovation with child development.

The Big Question: Should India also develop age-based guidelines for the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence in schools?

Cambridge Education Continues to Champion Inquiry-Based Learning

Preparing Students for a Future That Demands Curiosity More Than Memorisation

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Across international education systems, learning is increasingly moving beyond the traditional objective of completing textbooks and preparing for examinations.

Cambridge schools continue to emphasise inquiry-based learning, encouraging students to investigate questions, analyse evidence, collaborate across disciplines and apply knowledge to real-world situations.

This educational philosophy recognises that future careers will require adaptability rather than routine memorisation. Students are expected to become researchers, innovators and communicators who can solve unfamiliar problems rather than simply recall familiar information.

Inquiry-based education also promotes confidence, resilience and intellectual independence by encouraging learners to explore multiple perspectives before reaching conclusions.

As industries evolve and technologies continue transforming workplaces, education systems are recognising that curiosity has become one of the most valuable lifelong learning skills.

REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Memorising information may help students succeed in examinations. Learning how to investigate ideas prepares them to succeed throughout life.

Education should not merely produce students who know the correct answers. It should produce citizens who ask meaningful questions.



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FUTURE SKILLS
FRAMEWORK
2035
The Skills Every Student
Should Begin Developing Today

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GLOBAL OUTLOOK**

EDUCATION INTELLIGENCE

Why Age Matters in AI Education



Early childhood is the foundation of critical thinking.



Independent learning strengthens problem-solving abilities.



Reading and writing skills develop best through active practice.



Human interaction remains central to social and emotional development.



Artificial Intelligence should support learning rather than become a substitute for thinking.

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Artificial Intelligence is one of the most transformative educational technologies of the modern era. However, every educational innovation must be evaluated not only for what it can do, but also for when it should be introduced.

Children develop intellectual confidence through exploration, experimentation and gradual discovery. When every question is answered instantly by technology, the opportunity to struggle productively, analyse independently and build reasoning skills may gradually diminish.

The challenge for education is therefore not whether AI belongs in schools. It is determining how schools can introduce AI responsibly while preserving curiosity, creativity and human judgement.

The strongest education systems of the future will be those that teach students to think first—and use technology wisely afterwards.

Teaching Students to Think in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

The Future Classroom Must Develop Human Intelligence Alongside Digital Intelligence

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Artificial Intelligence has become an everyday reality for millions of students. Homework assistance, language translation, coding support, research summaries and creative writing tools are now available within seconds.

While these technologies offer enormous educational opportunities, they also present an important responsibility for schools.

Students must understand that AI is designed to assist learning, not replace learning.

The classrooms of tomorrow will require learners who can evaluate information critically, recognise inaccurate content, question automated responses and apply independent judgement before accepting AI-generated outputs.

Teachers are also entering a new phase of education. Rather than competing with AI, educators are becoming facilitators who guide students in asking better questions, verifying information and connecting knowledge across multiple disciplines.

Future-ready classrooms will therefore combine human creativity with technological capability instead of choosing one over the other.

EDUCATION INTELLIGENCE

Five Skills Every Student Should Develop Before Relying on AI



Critical Thinking



Creative Problem Solving



Communication Skills



Ethical Decision-Making



Independent Research

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Artificial Intelligence can generate information. Only human intelligence can evaluate wisdom.

Students who simply collect answers may perform well in routine tasks, but students who question ideas, analyse evidence and communicate original thinking will remain valuable in every profession.

The future belongs to learners who know how to think independently before they choose to think with machines.

Future Skills Are Becoming the World's New Academic Curriculum

Success Will Depend More on Adaptability Than Information

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Education systems across the world are increasingly redefining what it means to prepare students for the future.

Technical knowledge continues to remain important, but employers are now placing equal emphasis on communication, collaboration, creativity, leadership, emotional intelligence and ethical decision-making.

Automation is expected to transform many routine tasks over the coming decade, making uniquely human capabilities more valuable than ever before.

Schools and universities are therefore expanding learning beyond subject knowledge by encouraging project-based learning, interdisciplinary education, innovation challenges and entrepreneurship.

Students entering higher education today are preparing for careers that may not yet exist. This reality requires an education system capable of teaching adaptability rather than fixed knowledge alone.

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The careers of tomorrow may not belong to those who know the most information.

They will belong to those who know how to learn, adapt and collaborate as technology continues to evolve. Knowledge remains important. Adaptability is becoming essential.



Digital Citizenship Becomes an Essential Life Skill

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Digital technologies have transformed the way students communicate, learn and participate in society. Alongside these opportunities comes a growing responsibility to use technology ethically and responsibly.

Digital citizenship extends beyond cybersecurity. It includes protecting personal privacy, recognising misinformation, respecting intellectual property, communicating respectfully online and understanding the ethical implications of emerging technologies.

Schools that embed digital citizenship into everyday learning are preparing students not only for academic success but also for responsible participation in an increasingly connected world.

REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Technology education should never focus exclusively on software.

Students must also understand responsibility, ethics and accountability.

Digital literacy without digital responsibility creates informed users.

Digital literacy combined with ethical judgement creates responsible citizens.



LEARNING SKILLS

- Critical Thinking
- Research Skills
- Data Interpretation
- Scientific Curiosity



TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

- Artificial Intelligence Literacy
- Coding Fundamentals
- Cyber Safety
- Digital Communication



HUMAN SKILLS

- Leadership
- Emotional Intelligence
- Creativity
- Public Speaking



CAREER SKILLS

- Financial Literacy
- Entrepreneurship
- Design Thinking
- Project Management



Tomorrow's Classrooms Will Be Built on Human Values, Not Technology Alone

Around the world, education is entering a new phase of transformation. Artificial Intelligence, personalised learning, digital platforms and global collaboration are reshaping classrooms at an unprecedented pace.

Yet the strongest education systems continue to recognise one timeless principle: technology is a tool, not the purpose of education.

Schools that successfully prepare future generations will combine innovation with ethics, digital literacy with critical thinking, and technological advancement with human compassion.

The future of education will not belong to the countries that adopt Artificial Intelligence the fastest. It will belong to those that teach students how to use it responsibly, intelligently and ethically.

PARENTS' LENS | TEACHER'S DESK | COMMUNITY IMPACT

— Building Better Learners Through Stronger Schools, Families and Communities —

LEAD STORY

When Books Arrive Late, Learning Cannot Wait

Class IX Textbook Delays Raise Questions About Classroom Readiness

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For every child entering a new academic year, the first day of school represents a fresh beginning. New classrooms, new teachers and new textbooks together create the foundation for meaningful learning.

However, in several parts of the country, many students continue their academic journey without receiving all of their newly prescribed Class IX textbooks.

Curriculum reforms are designed to modernise education, encourage competency-based learning and improve classroom experiences. Yet every educational reform ultimately depends on timely implementation.

When textbooks are unavailable for weeks after classes begin, teachers are compelled to rely on temporary notes, digital material or older editions, while students struggle to maintain continuity in learning.

Educational planning is therefore not only about designing better syllabi. It is equally about ensuring that implementation reaches every learner without delay.

REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Educational reforms should never be evaluated solely by policy announcements. Their true success is measured inside classrooms. A curriculum becomes meaningful only when every child has equal access to books, teachers are prepared to deliver revised content and schools possess the resources necessary to support learning from the first day of the academic session. Every lost week during the foundation months of the academic year creates learning gaps that become increasingly difficult to bridge later.

EDUCATION CHANGEMAKERS

Building a Generation That Talks About Mental Health

How Saniya Mohammed Is Creating Safe Conversations Around Student Well-being

REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL BOARD

As conversations around student mental health become increasingly important, a growing number of young social entrepreneurs are working to ensure that emotional well-being becomes part of mainstream education rather than remaining an afterthought.

Among these changemakers is Saniya Mohammed, Founder of GoodMind Care Foundation, a Hyderabad-based organisation dedicated to improving mental well-being among students and young people.

With the vision of making mental health support accessible, affordable and free from social stigma, the organisation works through school awareness programmes, counselling initiatives, Mental Health First Aid workshops and community outreach activities.

Its initiatives such as the Telangana Mental Wellness Awareness Yatra, bring conversations on stress management, emotional resilience, anxiety awareness and responsible help-seeking into schools and communities across the state.

The organisation also explores the responsible use of digital technology and Artificial Intelligence to support early awareness and screening, while emphasising that professional counselling and human connection remain central to effective mental healthcare.



Parents Are Becoming Learning Partners, Not Just Report Card Reviewers

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The role of parents in education is undergoing a significant transformation.

For many years, parental involvement was largely measured through attendance at parent-teacher meetings, monitoring examination marks and ensuring homework was completed on time.

Today's learning environment demands something much broader. Children are growing up in a world shaped by Artificial Intelligence, digital media, social influence and rapidly changing career opportunities.

In such an environment, parents are increasingly becoming learning partners rather than academic supervisors.

Meaningful conversations at home, emotional encouragement, responsible technology habits and active participation in children's learning experiences contribute significantly to academic confidence and personal development.

Research consistently shows that students perform better when families actively participate in learning rather than only evaluating academic outcomes.

Education today is no longer limited to schools. It continues at home every day.

REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Parents should not simply ask, "How many marks did you score?" Instead ask, "What new idea inspired you today?" Curiosity grows where conversations happen.

PARENT'S LENS

Five Questions Every Parent Should Ask Instead of "How Was School?"

- 1 What surprised you today?
- 2 What challenged you today?
- 3 Who inspired you today?
- 4 Did you help someone today?
- 5 What would you like to learn tomorrow?

The Teacher of Tomorrow Will Inspire Curiosity More Than Memorisation

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Teaching has entered a new era. Students now carry access to vast amounts of information in their pockets. The modern classroom therefore requires teachers who can help students interpret knowledge, evaluate information and develop independent thinking.

Rather than acting solely as content experts, educators are becoming mentors, facilitators and learning designers.

The most successful classrooms today encourage discussion, experimentation, collaboration and thoughtful questioning instead of one-way instruction.

Technology may provide information instantly. Teachers continue to provide something technology cannot replace—wisdom, empathy and inspiration.

As education evolves, the influence of great teachers will be measured not by the number of lessons delivered but by the number of minds inspired.

REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Students often forget what teachers teach. They rarely forget how teachers made them feel about learning. The future belongs to educators who inspire confidence, curiosity and lifelong learning.

TEACHER'S DESK

Five Habits of Future-Ready Classrooms

- 1 Students ask questions confidently.
- 2 Teachers encourage discussion.
- 3 Mistakes become learning opportunities.
- 4 Technology supports—not replaces—thinking.
- 5 Every learner participates actively.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Education Is Strongest When Schools, Families and Communities Learn Together

A successful education system is built upon strong partnerships.

Schools provide academic direction. Teachers nurture curiosity.

Parents reinforce learning at home.

Community organisations create opportunities beyond the classroom.

Each plays an equally important role in shaping confident, responsible and future-ready young citizens.

Initiatives focusing on life skills, mental well-being, environmental awareness, digital literacy and civic responsibility complement formal education by helping students apply classroom knowledge to everyday life.

When these stakeholders work together, learning becomes more meaningful, more inclusive and more impactful.

Education is ultimately a shared responsibility. Every conversation, every classroom and every community contributes to the future of a child.

Together, we can build a generation that learns with understanding, grows with confidence and leads with compassion.

LEAD STORY

Artificial Intelligence Is Changing Learning—But Human Thinking Still Matters Most

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Artificial Intelligence is becoming a permanent part of modern education. Students now use AI to solve mathematical problems, summarise lengthy chapters, improve writing and explore complex concepts within seconds.

While these technologies create exciting learning opportunities, educators across the world continue to emphasise an important principle.

Artificial Intelligence should strengthen learning—not replace independent thinking.

The classrooms of tomorrow will reward students who can analyse information, question automated responses, identify bias and apply human judgement before accepting digital answers.

As schools continue integrating technology into education, critical thinking, creativity and ethical decision-making are becoming equally important as academic knowledge.

Artificial Intelligence may deliver information instantly.

Understanding remains a uniquely human responsibility.



REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Technology answers questions.
Education teaches students which questions are worth asking.
Students who think independently will always remain ahead of students who simply depend upon technology.
Artificial Intelligence is an assistant.
Curiosity remains the greatest teacher.

EDITOR'S READING SHELF

MAKE TIME

Authors: Jake Knapp & John Zeratsky



Why Every Student Should Read This Book

Today's students live in a world filled with constant notifications, distractions and endless scrolling.

Make Time offers practical strategies for regaining focus, managing attention and intentionally creating time for meaningful learning.

Rather than teaching productivity through complicated systems, the book encourages readers to simplify daily routines, reduce digital distractions and build habits that support deep concentration.

Students preparing for competitive examinations, board exams or university studies will find its practical advice highly relevant.

REPUBLIC STUDENT REVIEW

Success is rarely about finding more hours in a day. It is about using existing hours with greater purpose.

REPUBLIC STUDENT RATING



Learning Never Ends at Graduation

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Higher education is entering a new phase where earning a university degree is no longer considered the final destination of learning.

Universities across India are encouraging students to pursue additional certifications, online learning, interdisciplinary projects and practical industry exposure alongside their academic programmes.

Employers increasingly evaluate graduates not only through academic performance but also through adaptability, communication skills, digital competence and continuous learning.

Students who regularly upgrade their knowledge are developing stronger confidence and becoming better prepared for rapidly changing careers.

The future belongs to learners who understand that education continues long after formal classrooms end.



REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Degrees open opportunities.
Continuous learning creates possibilities.
Students who continue learning throughout their careers remain relevant in every generation.
Education is no longer an event.
It is a lifelong journey.

STUDY SMARTER

The 45–10 Focus Method



45 MINUTES STUDY

Study with complete concentration for 45 minutes.



10 MINUTES BREAK

Take a 10-minute break.



AVOID DISTRACTIONS

Avoid checking social media during the break.



REPEAT & REVIEW

Review key concepts before beginning the next session.

Short periods of focused learning improve memory, reduce fatigue and increase long-term retention.

Why Sleep May Be Your Brain's Best Study Partner

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Many students believe that studying longer automatically produces better academic results. Learning science suggests otherwise.

During healthy sleep, the brain organises newly acquired information, strengthens memory and improves the ability to recall concepts during examinations.

Students who regularly sacrifice sleep often experience reduced concentration, slower decision-making and increased stress despite spending additional hours studying.

Successful learning therefore depends upon balancing focused study with adequate rest. The brain performs some of its most important learning while students are asleep.



REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Students often believe learning ends when books close. Science tells a different story. The brain continues organising knowledge throughout sleep, making rest one of the most powerful learning strategies available to every student. Studying smarter often begins with sleeping better.

BRAIN BOOST

Five Daily Habits That Improve Learning

- 1 Read something beyond your textbooks every day.
- 2 Sleep between seven and eight hours.
- 3 Write handwritten revision notes.
- 4 Ask one thoughtful question in every class.
- 5 Spend one hour away from mobile screens before sleeping.



REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL

Curiosity Is the World's Most Powerful Learning Skill

Education has changed dramatically over the past decade. Technology evolves every year. Careers transform every few years. Knowledge expands every day.

Yet one quality continues to define extraordinary learners across every generation. Curiosity.

Curious students read beyond the syllabus. They ask difficult questions. They explore unfamiliar ideas. They embrace failure as part of learning.

Most importantly, they never stop growing. Republic Student believes that curiosity is not simply another academic skill. It is the foundation upon which innovation, leadership and lifelong learning are built.

The students who remain curious today will become the researchers, entrepreneurs, educators and changemakers of tomorrow.



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LEAD STORY

Engineering Education Moves Beyond Internships

Semester-Long Industry Immersion Emerges as a New Learning Model

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Engineering education in India is undergoing a significant transformation as institutions begin integrating long-term industry immersion into their academic programmes.

Instead of limiting workplace exposure to short internships during semester breaks, universities are now enabling students to spend an entire academic semester working with industries, research laboratories, startups and innovation centres while earning academic credits.

The model allows students to participate in product development, industrial research, engineering design and multidisciplinary problem-solving under the guidance of professionals.

This approach reflects a growing recognition that classroom instruction alone cannot fully prepare graduates for the demands of a rapidly evolving economy. Students who gain extended exposure to professional environments develop stronger technical competence, communication skills, project management abilities and confidence before graduation.

The initiative also strengthens collaboration between higher education institutions and industry by creating opportunities for applied research, innovation and workforce development.



REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Industries are becoming an extension of the classroom. Tomorrow's engineers will graduate not only with academic knowledge but also with practical experience, professional confidence and a deeper understanding of real-world challenges. Education is steadily moving from theoretical preparation towards experiential learning.

2 STANDARDISATION FOR STRONGER TEACHER EDUCATION

Teacher Education Admissions Enter a New Era of Standardisation

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India's teacher education system is moving towards greater transparency and academic consistency through a nationally standardised admission framework for the Integrated Teacher Education Programme.

The objective is to establish a uniform process that ensures aspiring teachers enter professional education through a common national evaluation system.

Teacher preparation has become increasingly important as classrooms evolve through competency-based education, digital learning, multidisciplinary teaching and the implementation of the National Education Policy.

A structured admission process is expected to strengthen institutional quality while encouraging talented students to consider teaching as a respected and future-oriented profession.



REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Every education reform eventually reaches a classroom.

Its success depends on the teacher standing in front of students.

Investing in teacher education remains one of the most powerful investments any education system can make.

3 APPRENTICESHIPS FOR A STRONGER TOMORROW

Apprenticeships Become a Preferred Pathway from Campus to Career

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Apprenticeship programmes are becoming an increasingly important bridge between higher education and professional employment.

Public sector organisations, manufacturing industries, technology companies and research institutions are expanding structured apprenticeship opportunities that allow graduates, diploma holders and technical students to gain workplace experience under professional supervision.

Unlike conventional recruitment, apprenticeship programmes combine practical learning with mentorship, enabling participants to understand organisational culture, industry standards and workplace expectations before entering permanent employment.



REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Knowledge creates opportunities.

Experience creates confidence.

Students who combine both are better prepared for the workplace of tomorrow.

4 AI EDUCATION EXPANDS IN SCHOOLS

Artificial Intelligence Education Continues to Expand Across Indian Schools

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School education is entering a new phase as Artificial Intelligence becomes an increasingly important component of classroom learning.

Educational institutions are gradually introducing students to computational thinking, responsible technology use, machine learning concepts and digital problem-solving from an early stage.

Rather than treating Artificial Intelligence as a specialised subject reserved for higher education, schools are beginning to integrate future technologies into mainstream learning.

The objective extends beyond technical knowledge. Students are expected to develop ethical awareness, critical thinking and responsible digital citizenship alongside technological competence.



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Technology should not remain available only to a few.

Future skills become meaningful when every learner receives equal opportunities to understand, question and use them responsibly.

Education should prepare students for the future before the future arrives.

CAREER WATCH



Opportunities Students Should Track This Month



Industry-integrated university programmes



National apprenticeship opportunities



Teacher education admissions



Emerging Artificial Intelligence learning programmes



Innovation and startup incubation initiatives

TELANGANA SKILLS ECOSYSTEM

Building a Future-Ready Talent Pool

- State initiatives continue to strengthen skill development in emerging sectors.
- Industry partnerships are creating more training and certification opportunities for students.
- Focus on digital skills, advanced manufacturing, electronics, renewable energy and healthcare support future workforce demands.
- Students are encouraged to explore skill-based learning alongside academic education.



FUTURE WORKFORCE

Top Skills That Will Define Careers

- Adaptability
- Digital Competence
- Analytical Thinking
- Communication
- Innovation and Problem Solving

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The relationship between education and employment is changing rapidly.

Universities are redesigning engineering education. Teacher preparation is becoming more structured.

Industries are investing in apprenticeships. Schools are introducing future technologies into classrooms.

These developments point towards a common direction. Education is becoming increasingly connected with the realities of the workplace.

The classrooms of today are quietly shaping the workforce that will lead India tomorrow.

GLOBAL EDUCATION | SCHOLARSHIP TRACKER | YOUNG INDIA | OPPORTUNITIES

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UNESCO Warns That Technology Alone Cannot Transform Education

Global Education Monitoring Report Calls for Responsible and Inclusive Use of Digital Learning

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The latest Global Education Monitoring Report presents an important reminder for governments, schools and technology developers across the world.

While digital technologies, Artificial Intelligence and online learning platforms have expanded educational opportunities, the report emphasises that technology should remain a tool that supports learning rather than replacing teachers, human interaction or critical thinking.

The report highlights that millions of learners worldwide continue to face unequal access to quality education because of digital divides, inadequate infrastructure and varying levels of technological readiness.

Educational technology can improve personalised learning, expand access to knowledge and strengthen classroom engagement. However, these benefits can only be realised when technology is implemented responsibly, supported by trained teachers and integrated into well-designed education systems.

The report also encourages governments to evaluate new technologies carefully before large-scale implementation, ensuring that educational decisions remain guided by evidence, inclusion and the best interests of learners.

REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Technology can accelerate learning. Teachers create learning. The most successful education systems will combine digital innovation with human connection, ensuring that every learner benefits from technology without losing the values, relationships and critical thinking that define quality education.

2 WHAT INDIA'S SCHOOLS CAN LEARN FROM GLOBAL EDUCATION TRENDS

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The findings of international education reports provide valuable opportunities for reflection rather than comparison.

India's National Education Policy already encourages multidisciplinary learning, competency-based assessment, digital literacy and experiential education.

The latest global recommendations reinforce many of these priorities while highlighting the importance of implementation.

Schools that successfully integrate technology are those that continue investing in teachers, classroom engagement and student-centred learning.

The future of education will not be determined by the quantity of technology inside classrooms but by the quality of learning experiences created through it.

REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Global reports do not provide ready-made solutions. They offer opportunities to learn, adapt and improve. India's strength lies in adopting global best practices while responding to local educational needs.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 01

Technology must support, not replace, teachers. Human connection and critical thinking remain at the heart of quality education.
- 02

Equitable access remains the biggest global challenge. Digital divides continue to prevent millions from accessing quality learning opportunities.
- 03

Strong teacher preparation is essential. Well-trained and supported teachers are key to successful technology integration.
- 04

Evidence, ethics and inclusion must guide every decision. Responsible use of technology requires careful evaluation and a learner-first approach.

3 GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS CONTINUE TO EXPAND FOR INDIAN STUDENTS

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Scholarships are opening doors to world-class education, research, innovation and global exposure for thousands of Indian students every year.

Universities, governments and organisations across the world are expanding scholarships that recognise academic excellence, leadership, innovation and community impact.

Students are encouraged to begin preparation early by building strong academic records, participating in meaningful activities and preparing compelling applications.

A scholarship is more than financial support. It is an investment in potential, purpose and the future a student can create.

SCHOLARSHIP TRACKER

This Month's Opportunities

- Commonwealth Scholarships For Master's & PhD programmes
- Erasmus+ Mobility Study & research in Europe
- DAAD Scholarships, Germany For higher studies & research
- MEXT Scholarships, Japan For UG, PG, PhD & research
- National Overseas Scholarship Financial support for higher studies

Students should check official portals regularly and apply well before deadlines.

YOUNG INDIA

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT OF THE WEEK

Indian Student Team Wins International Robotics Challenge

A team of students from Karnataka has won the Global Robotics Innovation Challenge 2026 for developing an affordable robotic solution that helps small-scale farmers monitor soil health and crop conditions.

Their innovation stood out for its impact, sustainability and real-world application.

The team will represent India at the Global Youth Innovation Summit later this year.

Congratulations to the young innovators!

OPPORTUNITIES

Competitions Open This Month

- NASA Space Apps Challenge 2026 Global innovation event
- Google Science Fair 2026 For students aged 13-18
- Atal Tinkering Innovation Challenge For school students
- Smart India Hackathon 2026 Registrations open
- INSPIRE Awards – MANAK For young innovators

Students are advised to visit official websites, read guidelines carefully and apply early.

OPPORTUNITIES & INSPIRATIONS

Your Next Opportunity May Begin With One Application

Thousands of scholarships, competitions, fellowships, innovation grants and exchange programmes are announced every year.

Many students miss these opportunities not because they lack talent, but because they never apply.

Successful students develop the habit of exploring opportunities consistently and preparing well before deadlines.

Every application represents a possibility to learn, grow and discover new pathways for the future.

HABITS OF HIGH ACHIEVERS

Five Habits Every Student Should Build

- 1

Read beyond the prescribed syllabus.
- 2

Participate in competitions regularly.
- 3

Build a portfolio of projects.
- 4

Volunteer for meaningful community work.
- 5

Learn one new skill every semester.

REPUBLIC STUDENT EDITORIAL

Education Connects Classrooms Across the World

The future of education will not be shaped by one country alone. Every nation experiments. Every education system learns. Every generation improves upon the previous one.

International reports remind us that education is a shared global responsibility, while local classrooms remind us that meaningful change begins with individual teachers and students.

India should continue learning from global experiences while preserving its own educational strengths, cultural values and commitment to equitable learning.

The best education systems do not copy others. They learn, adapt and build solutions that serve their own learners.

The future of education is not waiting to be written. It is already being written by today's students.