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JOURNEY OF INDIA

76 years from independence

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Growth of the Secondary, Higher Secondary, College and University Education Sector up to the New Education Policy

76 years have gone by - and India is generally languishing as far as school education and higher education infrastructure is concerned. Beyond metro cities, schools and colleges have serious disconnect with the modern trends of learning - both in terms of physical as well as soft infrastructure. Publicly funded universities are not being able to reorganize themselves towards a teaching ecosystem for the new millennium. Private Universities, except a very few, has remained mostly as teaching shops. Two important educational brands from India on global scale, IIT and IIM, have suffered from serious devaluation with mushrooming of campuses all over the country, driven by political considerations. Covid disruptions have further increased the fissure between urban and rural societies in terms of access to education. Now, New Education Policy will ride on this fragile foundation - it remains to be seen how much inclusivity it can create in terms of meaningfully engaging a very young demography of the country. *Read more...*