ROLE OF UNIVERSITY GRANT COMMISSION IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Education imparts not only knowledge, but also the aptitude to make use of it. India has prime higher education systems in the world. The Indian education system constitutes the backbone of the country, which helps in its growth and development. Both private as well as government sector has played a significant role in its growth and UGC serves as a vital link between the union and state governments and the institutions of higher learning. UGC Act provides that the Commission shall in consultation with the concerned universities, take all such steps as it may think fit for the promotion and coordination of university education and for the maintenance of standards in teaching, examination and research. So there was a great need to study the role of UGC in higher education system in India. It is analyzed that Indian higher education has made significant progress during the past few years but is still plagued with several issues related to access, quality and equity resulting in sub-optimal outcomes. So, the focus of higher education in India should be towards providing equal access to all as well as on providing quality education. After achieving the said goal India can compete at global level and the youth will then have jobs in their area of expertise.

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