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Changes in Higher Education for the Future

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Education in Ancient Times

A man and a woman in traditional Indian attire, including white turbans and shawls, are sitting on the ground in a vast, open landscape under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The man is on the right, looking towards the woman on the left. They appear to be in a state of quiet reflection or conversation.

In the beginning, people learned through self directed activities, and knowledge passed down through word of mouth.

The World's first university was established in Nalanda Takshila, India in 500 BC. Students from all over the World studied more than 60 subjects.

Followed by University of Nanjing, China in 258 BC, and University of Karouine, Fez, Morocco in 859.

Tradition of discovery, insight, knowledge, prevailed everywhere.

Educational Values – how they are changing

- Primary and secondary education systems in many countries is not keeping pace with the need of the day
- Systems are moving from being management driven, to student driven, and now stakeholder driven
- Focus is increasingly on the role of education in preparing students for jobs and productive lives
- Developing economies face challenges of reaching education to the masses
- Student mobility is on the rise

Trends in Curriculum Design



- Curriculum is moving away from generalist inputs to specialist knowledge based content
- Evaluation systems for teaching are increasingly transparent and numerical
- Each year, 15-20% of curriculum must change in order to remain up-to-date
- Access to free information on internet poses challenges of content management in the classroom

Changes in Management of Education

A photograph of several elephants decorated with vibrant, colorful patterns of leaves and flowers. The elephants are standing in a row, and a person is visible in the foreground, interacting with one of them. The scene is illuminated by warm, golden lights, suggesting a night-time festival or celebration.

- Administrative challenges in the face of increasing complexity of doing business
- Intellectual leadership is not so easy to come by
- Shortage of faculty and administrative staff
- Increasing pressures on financial sustainability of education establishments



Inclusive Education

“...Every society that values social justice and is anxious to improve the lot of the common man and cultivate all available talent must ensure progressive equality of opportunity to all sections of populations. This is the only guarantee for the building up of an egalitarian and human society in which exploitation of the weak will be minimised.”

The Education Commission, Govt of India, 1966

The background of the slide is a dark, blue-toned photograph of the Taj Mahal at night. The central dome and minarets are visible, though somewhat blurred. A large, bright, glowing full moon is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the sky, partially overlapping the top of the title text.

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