



PERSPECTIVES ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN KERALA.

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Abstract

The importance and antiquity of education to bring desirable change in our life, especially the higher education is considered as an essential pillar for overall development of any country in terms of social, economic and political aspects. In Kerala education expanded very rapidly in the last six decades after independence. There are several people from Kerala around globe that are well known for their potentiality and the good skill and technique. During the time of second five year plan there were 10079 educational institutions in Kerala, Today Kerala rank first position in literacy among Indian state. Kerala has special care to the development of an education system that is inclusive and universally accessible. In this research paper, an effort has been made to discuss the present situation of higher education in Kerala and by analysing various data to identify the key issues.

INTRODUCTION

Higher education is very important for a developing country like India to sustainable economic and social development. Higher education system of a nation gives a great contribution to the economic growth and development through fostering innovation and it will increase higher skills. It is a way to improve the quality of life and address major social and global challenges. Higher education is broadly defined as one of the important drivers of growth performance, prosperity and competitiveness. Higher education gives an opportunity to succeed in today's global economy. Globalization and privatization are imposing new challenges to the Indian Higher education system. Modern universities over the world wide provide opportunities to their students to engage and attract professionals into training and professional development with various programmes.

Kerala is a model well known for its achievements in social development indicators. Kerala has taken special care to develop a Higher education system that is inclusive and universally accessible. Kerala still requires some serious interventions to enhance academic quality in higher education levels, and to make education even more inclusive at all levels. Kerala has produced number of scientist, engineers, technologist, doctors, teachers,