

## GROWTH OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN STATE UNIVERSITIES OF RAJASTHAN

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### ABSTRACT

*Realizing the growing importance of higher education for young people as one of the important prerequisites for obtaining good jobs and achieving a decent standard of living, the Government of Rajasthan is focused on introducing innovations in the educational landscape of the State. Higher education is one of the most important aspects of any country. Several schemes have been launched by the central / state government. There is still a requirement for improvement being necessary. There are institutes of fame in Rajasthan and on the other side; Number of colleges and universities are facing the problems of an adequate number of faculties and support staff.*

**KEYWORDS:** *Innovation, Higher Education System, Government of Rajasthan & Universities.*

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### Introduction

The state of Rajasthan is always very concerned about education in the state and, therefore, has taken a lot of new initiatives in this course. Government of the State particularly worried about the rural population and the people of the weakest society. As far as the state universities are concerned, most of the universities in Rajasthan are members of the Association of the University of India. Outside these universities are administered by the State Government, while few of these universities are considered universities. After the initial education of 10 + 2 now universities are the perfect terrain to polish their knowledge and beautify the future of a student, it is only possible if they are part of higher education. Rajasthan has a literacy rate of around sixty percent and is reaching new levels every day. More than 150 Government Universities and more of this figure are running in the form of private universities, which meet the needs of a well-educated society. Twenty four state universities and eight Deemed universities considered also achieved the goal of well-educated Rajasthan. Therefore, we can say that obtaining higher education status will not be a dream in the future because quality education improves your aura day by day.

### Higher Education in Rajasthan

The State's educational system is based on the aspirations of its young population for greater economic and social mobility associated with higher education. The landscape of higher education in Rajasthan reflects that, along with the quantitative expansion, the push is in the qualitative aspects. Rajasthan has a best system of higher education in terms of numbers, types of institutions, defined by the source of funding and the nature of management. Rajasthan is among the first six states of India in terms of number of universities. The departments connected with education in the state are committed to promoting holistic learning among young people of Rajasthan in order to enable them to lead significant lives in society. Each department is interested in developing the necessary capacity and capacity of the youth that will lead to the development of the nation.

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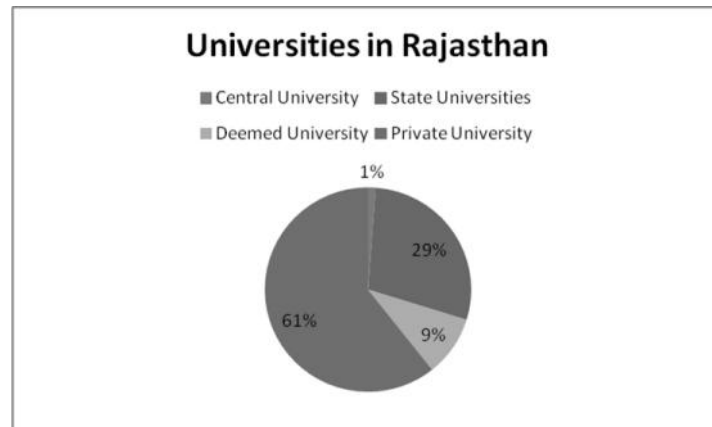
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Rajasthan has a long history in higher education. There are 84 universities in Rajasthan. Some of them are recognized by UGC / AICTE / ICAR and another vertex body. These can be classified as below:

**Table 1: Universities in Rajasthan**

Status of University	Number	Percentage
Central University	01	1
State Universities	24	29
Deemed University	08	9
Private University	51	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>100</b>



**Figure 1: Universities of Rajasthan**

#### State Universities of Rajasthan

There are 24 State University in the Rajasthan. Out of 24 universities, we have selected 10 universities for the study. The list of selected State Universities of Rajasthan has been mentioned in Table 2.

**Table 2: List of Selected State Universities of Rajasthan**

S. No.	Name of University	Abbreviation
1	Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Rajasthan Sanskrit University, Jaipur	JRRSU, Jaipur
2	Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner	MGSU, Bikaner
3	MaharanaPratap University of Agriculture& Technology, Udaipur	MPUAT, Udaipur
4	Mohan LalSukhadia University Udaipur,	MLSU, Udaipur
5	Maharishi DyaynandSaraswati University, Ajmer	MDSU, Ajmer
6	Rajasthan Technical University, AkelgargRawatBhata, Kota	RTU, Kota
7	Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University, Jobner, Jaipur	SKNAU, Jobner, Jaipur
8	University of Kota, Kota	RTU, Kota
9	National Law University, Jodhpur	NLU, Jodhpur
10	University of Rajasthan, Jaipur	UoR, Jaipur

#### Services of Selected State Universities of Rajasthan

The Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Rajasthan, some universities focus on encouraging the generation of lifelong learners suitable for employment, positive and aspirational. Such traits help youthful people in the state to stay in this era of competitive and quality globalization. To be in line with the government's vision, the department facilitates higher education institutions that provide permanent education to the masses, address the needs of productive employment and also higher quality institutions that focus mainly on research and innovation. This will involve the creation of selected multidisciplinary institutions / universities that offer a wide range of basic under graduate and post graduate courses; Impart skill-based training to bring out employable degree holders at grassland root level and provide production aligned courses to develop useful, critical and soft skills.

### **Growth of Higher Education in State Universities of Rajasthan**

The mission of the government of Rajasthan is to develop a system of higher education in the state that seeks excellence in quality, easily accessible to each sector of society, and produces skilled human resources that can cope with the challenges of changing times. The easy access to higher education opportunities will allow students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve their professional goals, improve the productivity of their organizations and provide leadership and service to their communities. To develop the quality of all Higher Education Institutes (HEIs), benchmarking will be done from side to side The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and through National Board of Accreditation (NBA). Rajasthan has a infinite higher education system in terms of numbers, types of institutions, defined by source of financial support, and the environment of management. Rajasthan is among the top six States of India in terms of number of colleges. The other States are Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

#### **Institutional Enhancement**

Due to the initiatives of the State Government and other institutions that are involved for the purpose, the higher education scenario in Rajasthan has undergone a transformation. In a bid to promote higher education, end gender inequalities, improve enrolment of students in colleges and universities, and provide other educational services, many new policies are being framed and implemented time to time. Today, Rajasthan is a fast-evolving State in India as a centre for education. The Government of Rajasthan is endeavouring to make this State a hub of best educational centres of the country.

- **NAAC Accreditation**

A total of 70 colleges have been accredited by NAAC of which seven colleges are recognized with A Grade. A State Level Quality promise Cell (SLQAC) has also been formed for:

- Preliminary scrutiny of Self Study Report (SSR) by NAAC assessors before submitting for accreditation and input communicated to Institutions for improvement
- In-house Evaluation teams to inspect institutions before NAAC peer team visit
- Three one-day workshops organised to assist, train and enable the nodal officers to prepare SSR and to expedite the process of accreditation of their colleges.

- **Faculty Improvement**

Leadership preparation training for academic administrators (Principals, Vice-Principals and senior faculty members) in two batches was conducted to polish their supervision and management skills by IIM Lucknow.

- Direction programmes and Refresher Courses are mandatory at institutions.
- Introduction training for new recruited faculty to be initiate
- A variety of leadership, management information, gender sensitisation, RTI, work on excel, PPT presentation, blow management and improvement programmes throughout the session are organised at HCM RIPA

- **RUSA Efforts and Achievements**

The Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSSIAN) is a Central Sponsorship Scheme (CSS). Launched in 2013, its goal is to provide considered financial support to eligible state higher education institutions. Central financial support (in the ratio of 60:40 for the States of the general category, 90:10 for the States of the special category and 100% for the territories of the Union) would be based on standards and dependent on the result. The State Council of Higher Education of Rajasthan (RSHEC) was formed to plan, supervise and evaluate worth assurance in senior education.

- **Major Achievements**

- State Higher Education Plan (2015-2022) prepared and proposals worth Rs 20, 88,343 submitted to MHRD
- Infrastructure grant to five state universities and 100 government colleges
- RUSA grant released for opening one new engineering college at Baran
- Creation of 17 basic essential facilities in all RUSA beneficiary institutions.
- Internal audit of the Physical and Financial progress of all RUSA beneficiaries.

- Monitoring of physical progress by Geo tagging. 172 points which records highest in the country from any beneficiary state.
- Monitoring of all the financial transactions by beneficiaries, with the help of Fund Tracker.
- PFMS Compliance of all transactions
- Workshops conducted for E-Learning initiatives, educational leadership and PFMS compliance transactions

**New Schemes under RUSA:** Dishari: The scheme has been launched for students for capacity building and employment enhancement in their colleges.

**Yuva Swavlamban Yojna:** The scheme has been launched for location up Career analysis, Placement and Skill Training Cell for the students.

**Gender ATLAS:** Training of sex Atlas of the State through Application of isolated Sensing and GIS is under procedure

**Bhamashah Sahyog Yojna:** A new scheme to collect support from individual donors and companies under CSR to overcome the depression falls in the field of higher education launched.

• **IT innovations: Plans and Implementations**

The opening of information and communication (ICT) in higher education has deeply implications for the entire educational process, particularly when addressing key in issues of access, equity, management, competence, pedagogy and quality. To achieve the objectives of the 2022 vision, the Department of Higher Education of the Government of Rajasthan prepared a Mission document for the ICT policy that has the following attributes:

- Implement e-Governance in higher education through the portal of higher education
- Availability of Smart Classroom in schools
- Provide Wi-Fi facilities to students and faculty
- Encourage mass open online courses (MOOC).
- Big Data Challenge and Hackathon on a regular basis
- Computerization of the library in the IES
- Spoken tutorials for FOSS courses
- Digital classrooms at Girls' universities under CSR
- Establishment of Smart Science Labs
- Establishment of a multi-source social platform for education
- Linking universities with INFLIBNET installation of UGC
- Implementation of GIS mapping in IES
- Promotion of Industry Academy links.
- Online test so that students have access to skills and aptitudes on a regular basis.

**Conclusion & Future Scope**

The Government of Rajasthan wants to develop the higher education segment as one of the best in India. Through its innovative initiatives, the state is educating and employing its youth at the same time. Together with the government, the institutes of higher education of Rajasthan are also helping the rural and tribal population of the state to overcome the challenges in this sector. The best practices will help the government achieve its vision and generate more and more opportunities for young people.

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