Demystifying India's Foreign Universities Bill: Opportunities & Challenges

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Agenda

- Highlights of the Bill
- · Examples of foreign institutions engaged in India



THE ECONOMIC TIMES

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Leading foreign institutes may soon be here

"the HRD ministry had proposed a legislation — Regulation of Foreign University Entry and Operation (Maintenance of Quality and Prevention of Commercialisation) Bill, '06 for consideration by the Union Cabinet."



Bill No. 57 of 2010

THE FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (REGULATION OF ENTRY AND OPERATIONS) BILL, 2010

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to regulate entry and operation of foreign educational institutions imparting or intending to impart higher education (including technical education and medical education and award of degree, diploma and equivalent qualifications by such institutions) and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Sixty-first Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. (1) This Act may be called the Foreign Educational Institutions (Regulation of Entry and Operations) Act, 2010.

Short title and commencement.

- (2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint; and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act and any reference in any provision to the commencement of this Act shall be construed as a reference to the coming into force of that provision.
 - 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

Definitions

(a) "accrediting agency", in respect of a course of study offered in India by a foreign educational institution, means an agency or body approved, recognised or





Source: http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article420952.ece



Politics of Indian Higher Education

- Bill tabled in the Parliament in May 2010
- Under review by the parliamentary committee
 - "...MPs [Member of Parliament] opposed to a landmark proposed legislation to allow and regulate foreign institutions in India plan to grill the Centre on the Bill." (Hindustan Times, January 31, 2011)
- Amended bill expected to pass by December 2011



Barriers: Financially infeasible

- "an undertaking to maintain a corpus fund of not less than fifty crore rupees [~\$11m]" (3, b)
- "No part of the <u>surplus</u> in revenue generated in India by such Foreign Education Provider, after meeting all expenditure in regard to its operations in India, shall be invested for any purpose other than for the growth and development of the educational institutions established by it in India." (5,3)



Barriers: Restricts autonomy

• "the <u>number of seats approved</u> by the statutory authority in respect of each course or programme of study for the academic year for which admission is proposed to be made" (6, 1, iii)



Allows for exceptions based on reputation

• "...having regard to the <u>reputation</u> and international standing of foreign educational institution and such other criteria as may be prescribed, exempt such institution from operation of any of the foregoing provisions..." (9,1)



Barriers: The Hype...

 "The Pepperdine University of California, considered one of the top-20 universities in the world, has proposed to set up its campus in the state with an investment of 1,000 crore [~US\$ 220m]."

Source: http://www.deccanchronicle.com/hyderabad/us-varsity-wants-set-campus-ap-691

Responding to the article, President Benton wrote,
 "The story published by a news organization in India
 is highly exaggerated, with many inaccurate
 statements....Both my colleagues from Pepperdine
 who are there and our hosts from India are
 disappointed by the lack of professionalism."

Source: http://www.pepperdine-graphic.com/mobile/news/pepperdine-considers-india-site-1.2457422



Barriers: Finding the right partner

- "... finding a partner in such markets is not so easy. Lancaster made three trips to India and spoke to more than 50 institutions before it alighted on Goenka - and that only happened because Goenka approached Lancaster."
 - Professor Bob McKinlay, deputy vice-chancellor of Lancaster (The Independent, Jan 19, 2010)



Barriers: Tri Valley University Effect

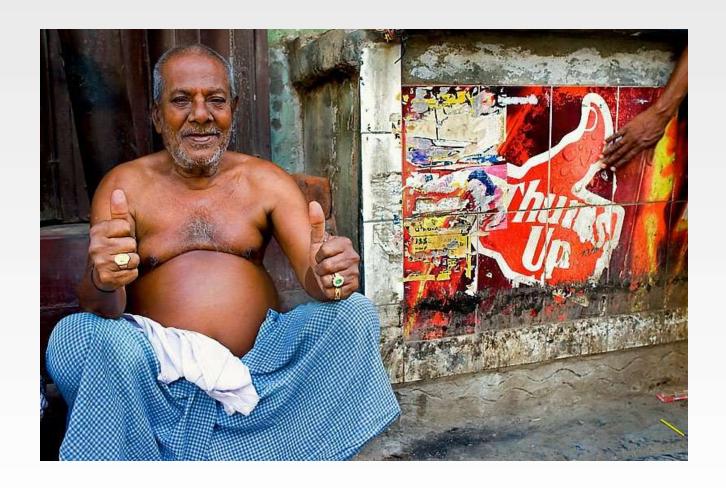
 "The members had sought <u>stringent measures</u> to ensure that a Tri Valley University-like situation does not recur here.

They also expressed concern over reports of some foreign universities shutting down operations abruptly in some countries like the UAE."

- Press Trust of India, February, 15, 2011 (http://news.in.msn.com/national/article.aspx?cp-documentid=4925133)



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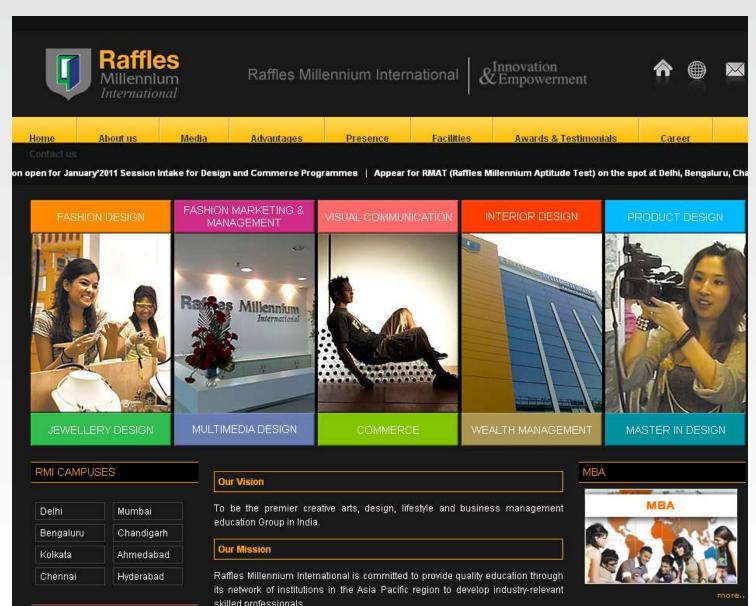




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Foundation and Carnegie Mellon University today announced their intent to make Carnegie Mellon's world-class undergraduate programs in mechanical engineering and electrical and computer engineering more available to Indian students.

Under this landmark partnership, the first undergraduates will begin their studies in June 2011. Students will study in India at SSN following a curriculum designed by Carnegie Mellon and taught by SSN faculty trained at Carnegie Mellon. They also will study at Carnegie Mellon's main campus in the United States in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Admission and academic processes will have the same rigorous standards that are Carnegie Mellon hallmarks. Once completed with their studies, students will receive Carnegie Mellon degrees.

The Shiv Nadar Foundation and Carnegie Mellon have an existing partnership in providing graduate-level education through a successful Advanced Software Engineering program, in which students take courses at the SSN campus in Chennai and at Carnegie Mellon's Pittsburgh campus.







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India Research Center

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In March 2008, Harvard Business School appointed Anjali Raina as Executive Director of the India Research Center.

Center Assisted Research

Newsletter

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Leadership in Corporate Reporting Policy at Tata Steel

Ramanna, Karthik, and Rachna Tahilyani

October 2010

The case describes the challenges faced by Tata Steel, India's largest private sector steel company, as it transitions from Indian GAAP to IFRS. It first describes those challenges in the context of the institutional voids that make IFRS adoption difficult in India. The case then focuses on how companies in emerging markets might represent their interests at the IASB, the standard setting body for IFRS.







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Summary

Good

- Provides an initial framework and overall directions
- Encourages internationalization of Indian higher education

Bad

- Lacks understanding of global higher education
- Leaves several questions unanswered

Ugly

- Several poor quality institutions will continue to ignore the bill/regulation
- Good institutions will face significant risk due to uncertainty and incoherence







Questions? Feedback / Comments

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