



One of the most powerful tools for empowering individuals and communities is making certain that any individual who wants to receive

- a quality education can do so.

— Christine Gregoire —

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## Education News across the World



### NETFLIX ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION PARTNERSHIP

Online streaming platform Netflix announced its partnership with the Jakarta Education and Culture Ministry. Education and Culture Minister Nadiem Anwar Makarim said that the partnership was worth \$1 million and it would feature various activities, including script writing workshops, a short film competition with the nation's ideology Pancasila as the theme, an online safety training program and agile governance workshops. The script writing workshops will take place in Los Angeles' Hollywood and Jakarta. Netflix will invite 10 up-and-coming Indonesian scriptwriters and producers to Los Angeles, providing them with the opportunity to meet content creators from around the world to further learn about how to develop authentic local content that appeals to a global audience. **Source: Jakarta Post**

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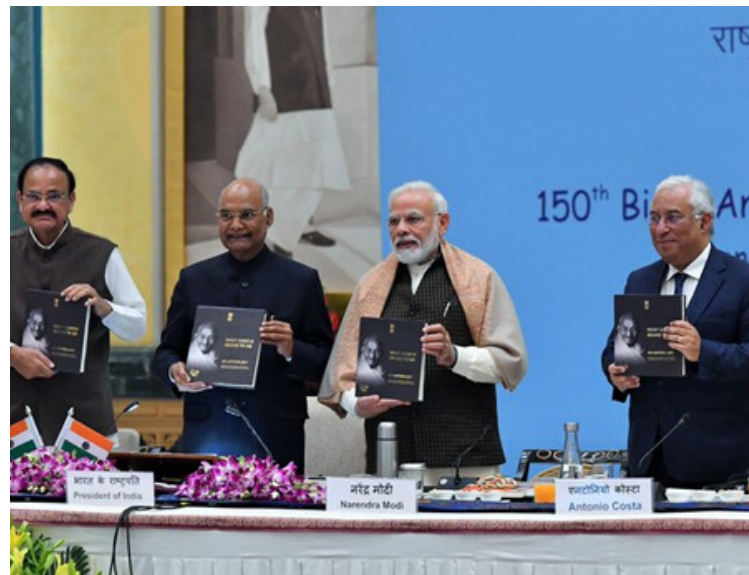


## INDIA EDUCATION STARTUP RAISING FUNDS AT \$8 BILLION VALUATION

Byju's is raising about \$300 million in a funding round led by New York-based Tiger Global Management, securing new capital at a valuation of \$8 billion for the online education startup's global expansion. Tiger has invested about \$150 million in Byju-parent Think and Learn Pvt, according to people familiar with the deal. The new funding round confers on Byju's the title of India's most valuable startup after Ant Financial-backed fintech firm Paytm and the budget hotel rooms startup OYO. Byju's, last valued at about \$5.7 billion, overtakes online retailer Snapdeal and is the only one of the top three that hasn't taken funding from SoftBank Group Corp or its Vision Fund. Paytm rose to the fore after Walmart Inc. acquired Flipkart Online Services Pvt.. **Source: Bloomberg**

## PORTUGAL SETS UP GANDHI CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION PRIZE

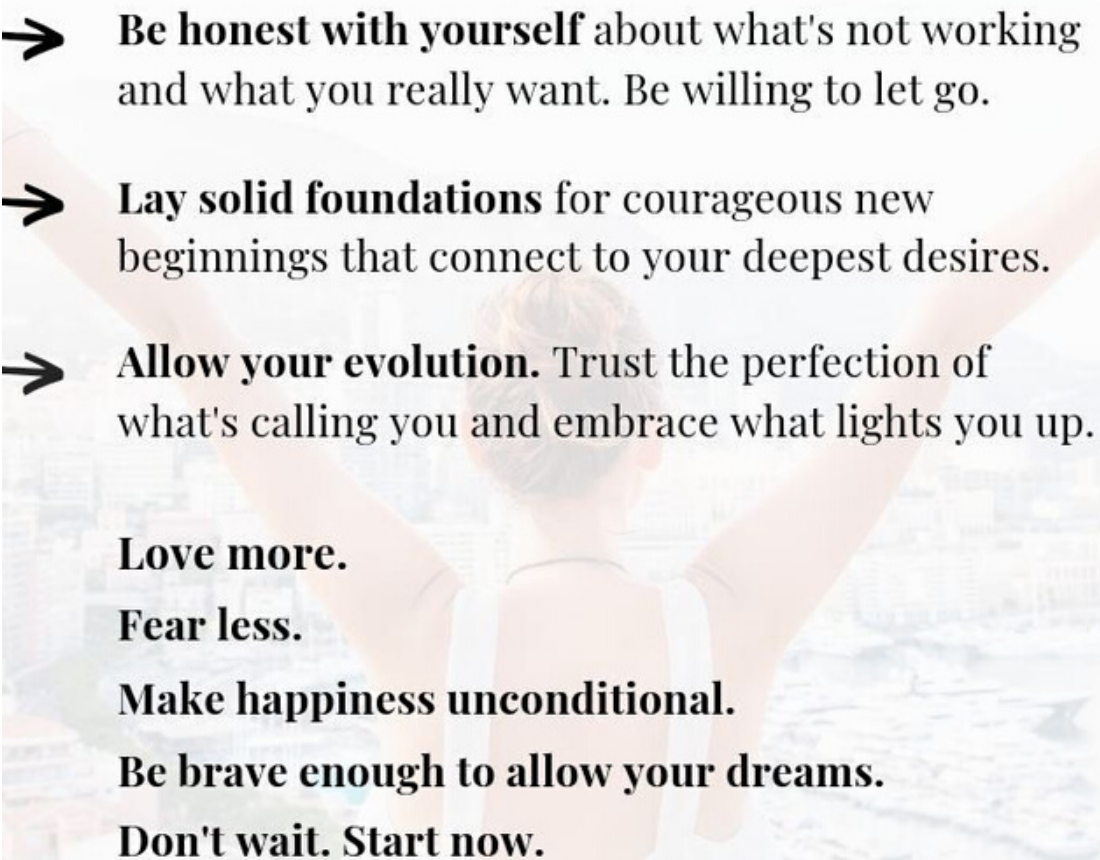
The Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize was announced last month by Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa in to help promote Mahatma Gandhi's ideals while addressing the second meeting of the National Committee for Commemoration Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary. The Gandhi Education Prize will be given out every year inspired by the thoughts and quotes of Mahatma Gandhi. The first edition of the education prize will be dedicated to animal welfare since Gandhi used to say that the way animals were treated in a nation was indicative of its greatness. Antonio Costa is the only foreign Prime Minister to be a part of the National Commission. Other foreigners include Tulsi Gabbard, Desmond Tutu, Bernie Meyer (also known as the American Gandhi), former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori, Kofi Annan etc.. **Source: India Today**



## INDIAN CONSULATE IN DUBAI PROMOTES GUJARAT AS EDUCATION HUB

To promote Gujarat as an education hub in India, the Indian Consulate in Dubai will host a roadshow in Dubai on January 17 and 18, the mission said in a press release on Wednesday. A delegation led by the Minister of Education of Gujarat Bhupendrasinh Chudasama along with Principal Secretary of Higher and Technical Education Anju Sharma will participate in the roadshow. It will be held at Hotel Crowne Plaza, Shaikh Zayed Road under the 'Study in Gujarat' campaign. The roadshow will provide a glimpse of the thriving education sector in Gujarat and enable the interested candidates to get a first-hand understanding of the rich resources of the state in order to pursue higher education. The representatives of 22 universities and 4 colleges from Gujarat will be a part of the roadshow to provide more details to the interested candidates. Aspirants can visit the official website [www.study.gujarat.gov.in](http://www.study.gujarat.gov.in) to register themselves and learn more about the courses, application procedures and universities under the 'Study in Gujarat' programme. **Source: Gulf News**



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- ➔ **Be honest with yourself** about what's not working and what you really want. Be willing to let go.
  - ➔ **Lay solid foundations** for courageous new beginnings that connect to your deepest desires.
  - ➔ **Allow your evolution.** Trust the perfection of what's calling you and embrace what lights you up.
- Love more.**  
**Fear less.**  
**Make happiness unconditional.**  
**Be brave enough to allow your dreams.**  
**Don't wait. Start now.**

### ASK THE EXPERT

How do I take a decision - to pursue further studies after graduation or work? - **Swati Puri**

Dear Swati, It is a dilemma which most of the students face right after they finish their graduation. While some believe its better we gain a industrial exposure and then go for higher studies while some believe that going for higher education before you start working since sometimes, going for higher studies becomes next to impossible when their are too many targets to accomplish and little less time. The argument on both sides can go on and on since both seem to be a good option. Thus, to start here are a few tips which will help you make that decision quickly and easily. First make sure you have decided on what you wish to do, in case you want to become a doctor you know a degree is important and before you do your specialization you must make sure which area you wish to study further in. But if you wish to be a creative writer you mus t have some industry experience which will help you polish your skills much before you choose to go for higher studies. Here higher studies would just add on to you skills which you have acquired. Next you must decide on the basis of your industry. Some industries do send their employees for a skilled training, because it's a job requirement. Then it depends on your employer. for example if you wish to become a Professor in a reputed university it is important that you have finished your Post Graduation or taken a PHD in the subject which you wish to teach.

Hence their is no right or wrong path to taken - both instances can work out completely fine - Its all up to you. Confidence, commitment, hard work, determination, natural tact, and resilience under pressure situations – these are things which matter in the long run, so you better get cracking on those!

This specific corner has been introduced for those who seek advice on education and related matters. If you have a feel free to submit your questions to [aimri@ariesgroup.ae](mailto:aimri@ariesgroup.ae)