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Indian students in US rose record 29.4%

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Mumbai: Indian students going to the US went up by 29.4% this year, a record high, revealed the Open Doors Report on International Education Exchange released on Monday.

From hosting around 1.02 lakh Indian students last year, US has drawn 30,000 more students in 2014-15—the largest growth from a single country. It is the highest in the his-

tory of Open Doors, since 1954-55, comparable only with the 29.1% witnessed in 2000-01. Experts attribute the jump to the surge in international schools in the country, which

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makes overseas education attractive for Indian students, stabilizing rupee value, and liberal economic policies.

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64% of Indians in US pursue grad studies, Texas is top destination

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In 2013-14, the growth rate of Indian students going to the US was just about 6.11%. This was after the enrolment of Indian students in US universities dipped for three consecutive years between 2010 and 2013. Over the last 10 years, the number of students in the US has gone up by 73.7%. Even as the number of Indian students pursuing graduate studies went up by 39.3% in the last year adding to the overall growth, the influx of international schools in the country has led to a good jump of 30.3% among students pursuing undergraduate studies too.

Maximum numbers of Indians pursue graduate studies (64%) in the US, followed by optional practical training (22%) and undergraduate studies (12%). Texas emerged as the top study abroad destination for Indian students in the US, while California and New York are a close second and third.

The Open Doors report is annually published by the Institute of International Education in partnership with the US department of state's bureau of education and cultural

MORE INDIANS GOING TO US TO STUDY

Indian students in the US in last five years

Year	Indian students	% growth from previous year	% of total international students in US
2014-15	1,32,888	29.4%	13.6%
2013-14	1,02,673	6.11%	11.6%
2012-13	96,754	(-3.5%)	11.8%
2011-12	1,00,270	(-3.5%)	13.1%
2010-11	1,03,895	(-1.0%)	14.4%

Programme break-up

Programmes	2014-15	2013-14	% change
Undergraduate	16,521	12,677	30.3%
Graduate	85,055	61,058	39.3%
Non-degree (certificate)	1,924	1,242	54.9%
Optional practical training	29,388	27,696	6.1%

affairs.

While Open Doors does not compile region-wise data for international students, Michael Evans, consular section chief, said Gujarat and Maharashtra make up the biggest students' pool from the western region. "We have had the highest



Top five preferred fields of study

Engineering	37.5%
Math/computer	31.4%
Business	10.7%
Physical/life Sciences	7.9%
Health professions	3.6%

Top five host states of Indian students

California	11.2%
Massachusetts	5.2%
Texas	13.4%
New York	11.2%
Illinois	6.6%

number of visa applications, including students' visas, from these two states," he said. The region also includes Chhattisgarh, Goa and Madhya Pradesh. In the last year, there has been a 56% rise in students' visas issued in the country, when the western re-

gion saw a jump of 89%.

US Consul General Thomas Vajda said that the consular section offers information sessions on the student visa process to schools and students across the five states. "US students coming to India to study for academic credit increa-

sed by 5% to 4,583 this year, making it the 12th leading destination for US study abroad," said Vajda. But the numbers of US students travelling to India has not increased significantly over the last few years. Vajda added that students from the US take into account a lot of aspects before moving to other countries, including program- mes, issues of housing. For US students, the UK, followed by Italy and Spain remain the top study abroad destinations.

Science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) remained the most popular choice of study among Indians. Of these, engineering was the top choice, with 37.5% students pursuing it, followed by math/computer with 31.4% students. Kamya Suri from the Indo-American Education Society said many students from Gujarat have been looking at options beyond STEM too. "There are students from international schools who are choosing non-STEM courses and opting for courses such as photography too. Students who are unable to get into STEM are looking at data analytics. The mindsets of parents have changed too," said Suri.

Indian students studying in US colleges rise by 29%, says report

HIGHEST GROWTH RATE Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat issued the maximum visas

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MUMBAI For the first time in 60 years, India achieved its highest growth rate of sending students to the United States (US), said a new report.

With a 29.4% rise in the number of Indian students studying in the US, the country continues to be the second highest contributor of foreign students — a bulk of which are from Maharashtra and Gujarat based on the number of visas issued.

As per the Open Doors Report prepared by New York-based Institute of International Education (IIE), around 1,32,888 Indian students enrolled in 2014-15 in US colleges, as compared to 1,02,673 in 2013-14.

A number of factors have been attributed to it. "Many schools in India are now offering international curricula. Indian students graduating from US get a chance to work in the country. Besides, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has a liberal policy towards foreign education," said Ryan Pereira, regional officer, Education USA.

In the past 12 months, visas were issued to around 85,200

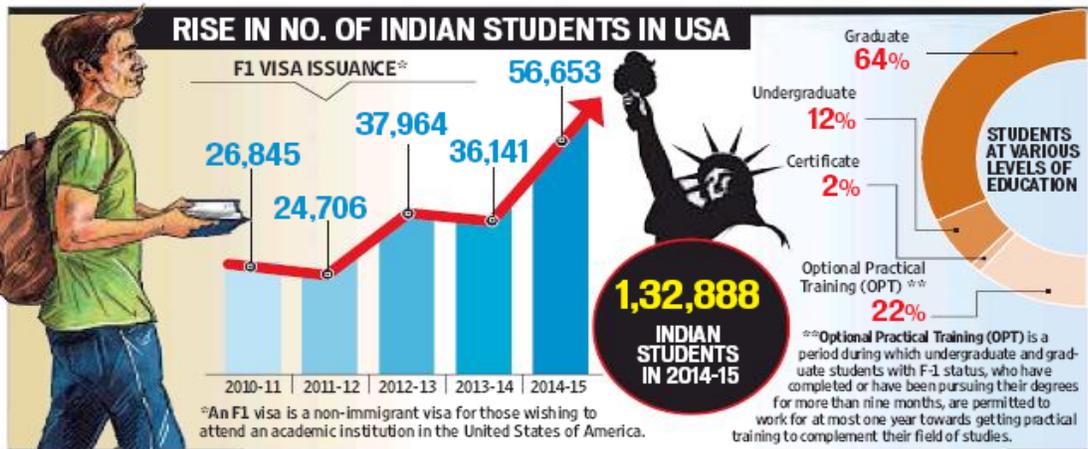


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Indian students, of which, 25,000 were from the western region of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Goa. However, the highest number of visas — 27,000 — was issued by the US consulate in Hyderabad that caters to Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha. The eastern region of West Bengal, Bihar and North Eastern states

contributed only 3,700 of the total student visas issued.

According to Pereira, the relative prosperity in Maharashtra and Gujarat is the reason behind large number of visa applications from the region.

As per the data, majority of the Indian students in US study engineering (37.5%) followed by math/computer (31.4%), while 10.7% students take up

business programmes. Around two-third students are enrolled in post-graduate ("graduate" in American parlance) courses and 22% are part of work permit programme called optional practical training.

"Indian students are opting for unconventional courses as well. Students who study in Cambridge schools tend to go for humanities programmes. Those

schooled as per International Baccalaureate (IB) prefer science, technology, engineering and math — called STEM — courses. Bio-medical and bio-chemistry are popular options for PhD candidates, while courses related to embedded system and very-large scale integration are also picking up," said Kamya Suri of Indo-American Society, Ahmedabad.

In US colleges, number of Indian students growing at fastest rate

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AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES and colleges have witnessed the highest increase in the number of Indian students in the six decades, a study has found.

Even though the Chinese continue to make up the largest chunk of foreign students in the US, in the academic year 2014-15, the number of Indian students grew by 29.4 per cent to a record high of 132,888. Of these, almost 80 per cent are in the fields of engineering, math/computer science, and business.

In 2014-15, the US had a total

of 974,926 international students. The last time the number of Indian students grew almost at this pace was in 2000-01.

According to the Open Doors report, a database of foreign students studying and teaching in the US, India and China together account for 45 per cent of the total international student community in America.

Greater economic stability in the US contributed to the increase in the number of Indian students going to the country in search of quality education and better job prospects, Matthew K Asada, first secretary at the US Embassy in New Delhi, said while releasing the data.

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Enrolment of Indian students in US rises

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A study report released by the US Embassy in Mumbai on Monday has revealed that the number of Indian students enrolling in US colleges and universities in 2014-15 has gone up to 29 per cent bettering China's record.

Engineering and computer studies have been the choice of Indian students as nearly 69 per cent enrolments has been in these two vocations. The details are part of the 2015 Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange that shows an increase by 29 per cent to 1,32,888 students in higher education.

According to the report, while China remains the top country sending international students to the U.S., increasing by 11 per cent to 3,04,040 students, India's growth outpaced China's this year, with students from India increasing by 29.4 percent to a record high of 1,32,888. The increase shows that the increase that began last year is gaining momentum, after a three-year trend of declining numbers of Indian students on US campuses.

In 2014/15, China and India together accounted for 67 per cent of the total increase in international students, and they now constitute nearly 45 per cent of the total number of international students in U.S.

higher education, with 31 per cent coming from China and 14 per cent coming from India.

"I am excited to see the record number of Indian students contributing to life and studies on American campuses. I am also excited about everything the US Embassy is doing to encourage Indian and American students to study abroad, and to facilitate institutional partnerships between US and Indian institutions, such as through the Indo-US 21st Century Knowledge Initiative," said U.S. Ambassador Richard Verma.

Evan Ryans, assistant secretary of state for educational and cultural affairs at U.S. department of state, also pointed out that India's position has improved and it is the 12th preferred destination for studies abroad by American students

The report further said that approximately 80 per cent of all Indian students in the United States are in the fields of engineering, math/computer science, and business.

Thirty per cent of all Indian students in the US are in an Optional Practical Training Program which enables international students to work in paid positions for 12 months after completion of their degree program, and for an additional 17 months if in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields.

STUDYING NUMBERS

US univ's record highest number of Indian students, this academic year



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The number of Indian students studying for their higher education in the US increased by 29.4 per cent to a record high of 1,32,888 students in the present academic year, which is highest rate of growth in recent history. The figures show that the US is the most favoured education destination in the world. While China remains the top country of origin of international students in the US, India is placed second.

The Open Doors Reports on International Education Exchange 2015 that released on Monday says the number of interna-

tional students at US colleges and universities had the highest rate of growth in the last three and a half decades, increasing by 10 per cent to a record high of 9,74,926 students in this academic year.

The number of Chinese students studying in the US increased by 11 per cent to 3,04,040 students and China remained the top country of origin of international students in US.

India stood second with a 29.4 per cent increase to a record high of 1,32,888 students. This is the highest rate of growth for Indian students in the history of the Open Doors projects, which span back to 1954/55 when the number

of students from India exceeded 50,000 for the first time.

In the last few years, there was a visible decline in the number of students going to the US for higher education. However, this year, the large increase shows that the upward trend that began last year is gaining momentum.

India and China together accounted for 67 per cent of the total increase in international students and they constitute nearly 45 per cent of the total number of the international students in the US.

"As a son of educators and a beneficiary of American higher education myself, I am excited to see the record number of Indian students participating in and contributing to life and studies on American campuses. There is no better time to be studying in the United States. I am also excited about everything the US embassy is doing to encourage Indian and American students to study abroad, and to facilitate institutional partnerships between US and Indian institutions, such as through the Indo-US 21st Century Knowledge Initiative," said U.S. Ambassador Richard Verma.

Modi-Obama bonhomie sees 30% jump in Indian students going to US

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Prime minister Narendra Modi and US president Barack Obama's warm personal ties have helped America's higher education sector grow at an extraordinary rate in the last one year.

The number of Indian students going to the United States has gone up by a whopping 29.4 per cent within a year, compared to 6% previous year following three years of consistent decline, reveals the latest 'Open Doors Report' which is being released in the US Monday. Nearly 1.32 lakh students are studying in various US universities at undergraduate and postgraduate levels at present compared to only 1.02 lakh students a year ago.

However, only 4,388 US students came to India in 2013-14 (4.7% rise

over the previous year), and that too for short-term and semester-long courses, says the report.

Last time the US witnessed a comparable growth rate of Indian students (29%) was in 2009-11 when the number of Indian students exceeded 50,000 for the first time. That time too the BJP government was in power in India with Atal Bihari Vajpayee as the prime minister. The Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange is published annually by the Institute of International Education in partnership with the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

"While China remains the top country of origin of international students in the US, increasing by 11 per cent to 3,04,848, India's growth outpaced China's this year,

with students from India increasing by 29.4 per cent to a record high of 1,32,888. This is the highest rate of growth for Indian students in the history of the Open Doors project, which spans back to 1954/55," reads the report. Overall, US saw a rise of 19% in international students in 2014-15.

Modi's visit to the US in September 2014 generated enough euphoria in India and this was followed up by Obama, who became the first American president to be the chief guest at the Republic Day parade in New Delhi in January 2015. In a joint presser in Delhi, Modi's address to Obama as "Barack" led to interesting discussion.

"India and US have had conflicting views in issues related trade, climate change and foreign policy for years. Now on a range of issues,

such as the rise of China, the future of Afghanistan and international terrorism, New Delhi and Washington are increasingly on the same page," said a professor of Pune University. Besides, a strong Indian rupee, reviving global economy and increased efforts of US varsities in wooing Indian students are also major factors behind this jump, say experts.

Some academicians, however, blamed the slow pace of the Modi government in the most crucial sector behind this "exodus" of youngsters towards US.

"Students are unable to see 'ache din' in the higher education sector which suffers from 19% since years. Expansion of quality university education is the need of the hour," said a professor of Mumbai University.

Top US varsities

New York University, University of Southern California, University of Illinois and Columbia University are top choice of international students. Each hosted more than 10,000 international students.

International students contribute \$30 billion annually to the US economy

International students contributed more than \$30 billion and supported more than 373,000 jobs to the US economy in 2014. Chinese students constitute 31% of the international students' population in the US followed by Indian students who constitute 13.6% at present.



FIGURE IT OUT



(Source: Open Doors report 2014-15)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US President Barack Obama during the G-20 summit in Antalya, Turkey on Sunday -PTI

Headline: Let's study in America

Substance: The U.S. Consul General Thomas Vajda shared the U.S. Government's Open Doors report with the media in Mumbai. He highlighted the consular section's information sessions on the student visa process to schools and students across the five states. "U.S. students coming to India to study for academic credit increased by five per cent to 4,583 this year, making it the 12th leading destination for U.S. study abroad," said Vajda. However, the numbers of U.S. students travelling to India has not increased significantly over the last few years. Vajda added students from the U.S. take into account a lot of aspects before moving to other countries, including programs, issues of housing.

४. २३. अमेरिका, मुंबई

दुसऱ्या शिक्षणासाठी स्पर्धेची जागनाचा विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये अमेरिकेचा 'फेवॉरिट' असल्याचे विरुद्ध झाले आहे. २०१४-१५चा शैक्षणिक वर्षात अमेरिकेतील भारतीय विद्यार्थ्यांची संख्या ११ टक्क्यांनी वाढली आहे. या शैक्षणिक वर्षात एक लाख ३२ हजार ८८८ भारतीय विद्यार्थी अमेरिकेत शिक्षणाचे धडे घेऊन येऊन गेले. त्या वर्षातील ही सर्वोच्च विद्यार्थी संख्या नोंदविल्यात आली आहे. तर भारतातील अमेरिकेत शिक्षणाच्या संख्येसाठी ५ टक्क्यांनी वाढ झाल्याची माहिती ओपन डोअर अडव्हान्सेस देव्यात आली आहे. मुंबईतील अमेरिकेत शिकण्यासाठी कोलिन जारलर वॉकर यांच्या, माइक एक्स आणि रायन पॅरा यांनी ही माहिती पत्रकारांना दिली.

भारत १२व्या स्थानावर
 ■ अमेरिकेचे अमेरिकेतून परदेशी विद्यार्थ्यांची संख्या वाढत असताना शिक्षणदाते अमेरिकेबाहेर जाणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांची संख्याही वाढल्याचे विरुद्ध झाले आहे. तर भारत १२व्या स्थानावर असून अमेरिकेतील विद्यार्थी आणि इतर देशांतील संख्येवर टक्क्यांमधील हे विद्यार्थी अमेरिकेबाहेर शिक्षणासाठी जाऊ असल्याचे सांगण्यात येते.

गुजरात, महाराष्ट्रातील विद्यार्थी सर्वाधिक
 ■ अमेरिकेत शिकण्यासाठी जाणाऱ्या भारतीय विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये सर्वोच्च पातळीवरील राज्यातील विद्यार्थ्यांचा समावेश असल्याचे आढळते. गुजरात आणि महाराष्ट्रातील विद्यार्थ्यांची संख्या राबॉटर्स असून त्यापुढील क्रमांकावर दिल्ली, हैदराबाद आणि चेन्नई येथील विद्यार्थ्यांची संख्या अधिक असल्याचे नमूद.

अमेरिका चले हम

शिक्षणासाठी जाणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांची ३५ वर्षातील सर्वाधिक संख्या



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ओपेनटी	२७,६९६	२९,३८८	६.९

पसंतीचे अभ्यासक्रम

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एच्युकेशन	०.४ टक्के
इंजिनीअरिंग	३७.५ टक्के
फार्म आणि	१.४ टक्के
अकाइड आर्ट्स	१.४ टक्के
इलिनॉईस	६.६ टक्के
मासाचुसेट्स	५.२ टक्के
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ओहायो	४.३ टक्के
मिसुरी	३.७ टक्के
इंडियाना	३.५ टक्के
फ्लोरिडा	३.४ टक्के

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भारत	१०२६७३	१३२८८८	२९.४ टक्के
साऊथ कोरिया	६००४७	६३७१०	६.४ टक्के
सौदी अरेबिया	५३९९९	५९९४५	११.२ टक्के
कॅनडा	२८३०४	२७२४०	३.८ टक्के

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कॅनडा	२८३०४	२७२४०	३.८ टक्के

Headline: America increasingly preferred by Indian students

Substance: The total number of Indian students studying in the U.S. shot up 28% to 1,34,292 students, comprising the second largest foreign student body in America. The findings of the latest Open Doors Report (published by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security) were analyzed for the media by the U.S. Consul General Thomas Vajda in Mumbai. He credited the positive trends to the growing bilateral relations between the U.S. and India.

अमेरिकेकडे वाढला भारतीय विद्यार्थ्यांचा ओघ

पंतप्रधान मोदी-ओबामांच्या मैत्रीचे फलित :
शिक्षणासाठी जाणाऱ्यांची संख्या २९ टक्के वाढली

पवन देसापांडे • मुंबई

रुपयाच्या तुलनेत डॉलर कितीही महाग होत असला आणि आपल्या देशात शिक्षण क्षेत्रात मोठी प्रगती होत असली तरी अमेरिकेत जाणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांची संख्या झपाट्याने वाढत आहे. चीनलाही मागे सोडत भारतीय विद्यार्थ्यांसंख्येत या वर्षी २९ टक्के वाढ झाली आहे. पंतप्रधान नरेंद्र मोदी आणि अमेरिकेचे राष्ट्राध्यक्ष बराक ओबामा यांच्या मैत्रीनंतर हा विद्यार्थ्यांचा अमेरिकेकडे ओघ वाढल्याचे दिसून आले आहे.

अमेरिकेतील शिक्षणाकडे असलेला भारतीयांचा ओढा लक्षात घेता अभिव्यक्ति विद्यार्थ्यांना व्हिसा मिळवा प्रसा आमचा प्रयत्न असतो. या वर्षी विद्यार्थ्यांसंख्येत वाढ झाली हे त्याचेच फलित आहे.
- थॉमस वाईडा, अमेरिकेचे राजदूत, मुंबई

इन्टरनेट ऑफ इंटरनेशनल एज्युकेशन या संस्थेने अमेरिकेच्या शैक्षणिक आणि सांस्कृतिक खात्याच्या साहाय्याने तयार केलेला 'ओपन डोअर्स' अहवाल नुकताच प्रसिद्ध करण्यात आला. अमेरिकेत शिकणाऱ्या परदेशी विद्यार्थ्यांची संख्या व त्यांचा कल यामध्ये दिलेला असून, त्यानुसार अमेरिकेत येणाऱ्या परदेशी विद्यार्थ्यांची संख्या गेल्या ३५ वर्षांमध्ये प्रथमच २० टक्क्यांनी वाढली आहे. भारतीय विद्यार्थ्यांची संख्या २९ टक्क्यांहून अधिक वाढली आहे. अमेरिकेत शिकणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांच्या संख्येत चीन आघाडीवर असला तरी या वर्षी चीनच्या विद्यार्थ्यांची संख्या फारशी वाढलेली दिसून आलेली नाही. ३ लाखवर चिनी विद्यार्थ्यांनी या वर्षी अमेरिकेत प्रवेश घेतला आहे.

अमेरिकेत शिकण्यासाठी जाणाऱ्या भारतीय विद्यार्थ्यांची संख्या मोठी असून, त्यात गेल्या वर्षीच्या तुलनेत ३९ टक्के वाढ झाली आहे. मात्र छोटेमोठे कोर्स करून परत येणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांच्या संख्येत गेल्या वर्षीच्या तुलनेत या वर्षी ५४ टक्क्यांनी वाढ झाली आहे.

गेल्या पाच वर्षातील ट्रेड

वर्ष	एफएमए व्हिसा	अमेरिकेत भारतीय विद्यार्थी
2010	26,845	1,00,389
2011	24,706	1,00,270
2012	37,964	96,754
2013	36,141	1,02,673
2014	56,653	1,32,888

अमेरिकेतील विद्यार्थ्यांची पदवी घेण्यासाठी जाणाऱ्या भारतीय विद्यार्थ्यांची संख्या मोठी असून, त्यात गेल्या वर्षीच्या तुलनेत ३९ टक्के वाढ झाली आहे. मात्र छोटेमोठे कोर्स करून परत येणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांच्या संख्येत गेल्या वर्षीच्या तुलनेत या वर्षी ५४ टक्क्यांनी वाढ झाली आहे.

वर्ष	पदवीपूर्व शिक्षण	पदवी	छोटेमोठे कोर्स	इतर कोर्स
20१३/१४	12,677	61,058	1,742	27,686
२०१४/१५	16,521	85,065	1,924	29,388

भारतीय

वर्ष	संख्या	वाढ
२०१३/१४	102673	-
२०१४/१५	132888	29.4%

अमेरिकेतील विद्यार्थी

वर्ष	संख्या	वाढ
२०१३/१४	886052	-
२०१४/१५	974926	10%

इतर देशातील

कोणत्या अभ्यासक्रमासाठी अमेरिकेला अधिक पसंती?

अभ्यासक्रम	पसंती
पदवी	64%
पदवीपूर्व शिक्षण	12%
इतर कोर्स	22%
छोटेमोठे कोर्स	02%

भारतीय विद्यार्थी अमेरिकेत काय निवडतात?

अभ्यासक्रम	पसंती
इतर	14.4%
सामाजिक शास्त्र	2.4%
गणित/कॉम्प्युटर	31.4%
इंजिनीअरिंग	37.5%
व्यावसायिक	10.7%
आरोग्यसेवा	3.6%

4,583 अमेरिकेत शिकण्यासाठी गेल्या वर्षी भारतीय शिकणाऱ्यांनी आले. ही संख्या कमी झालेली तरी २०१४च्या तुलनेत या संख्येत १५ टक्क्यांनी वाढ झाली आहे. वर उल्लेखित होत संख्या ३,८८४ एवढी होती.

મુંબઈ સમાચાર

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Heading: 30% jump in number of Indian students going to the U.S.

Substance: "Registering an unprecedented growth of nearly 30 per cent last year, a record 132,888 Indian students are now studying in the U.S., making an estimated contribution of more than \$3.6 billion to the American economy," Tom Vajda, Consul General of U.S. Consulate-Mumbai discussed the 2015 "Open Doors Report" on International Educational Exchange . "We have had the highest number of visa applications, including students' visas, from the western region." Mike Evans, visa section chief, added. In the last one year, there has been a 89 per cent rise in the visa applications. Texas, California, New York, Illinois and Massachusetts are the top five States to host Indian students in America. The newspaper also mentioned that there is no plan to open a visa office in Ahmedabad which would have been a great relief to hundreds of Gujarati visa applicants.

અમેરિકા ભણવા જનારા ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓની સંખ્યામાં ૩૦ ટકાનો વધારો

▶ પશ્ચિમ ભારતના ૨૨,૦૦૦ વિદ્યાર્થી અમેરિકામાં સ્ટુડન્ટ વિઝાની અરજીમાં પણ ૮૯ ટકાનો વધારો

ગુજરાતમાં કોન્સ્યુલેટ શરૂ કરવાની કોઈ યોજના નથી

(અમારા પ્રતિનિધિ તરફથી)
મુંબઈ: ભારત-અમેરિકા વચ્ચેના સંબંધોમાં 'સખ-સલામત હૈ'ની શાખ આપતા હોય તેમ ૨૦૧૪ની તુલનામાં વર્ષ ૨૦૧૫માં અમેરિકા ભણવા જતા ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓની સંખ્યામાં ૩૦ ટકાનો વધારો નોંધાયો છે. હાલમાં કુલ ૧,૩૨,૮૮૮થી વધારે ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થી અમેરિકામાં શિક્ષણ મેળવી રહ્યા છે, એવું વોશિંગ્ટન ડીસીમાં રજૂ કરાયેલા ઓપન ડોર્સ રિપોર્ટમાં જણવાયું હતું.

૧.૩૨ લાખ ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થીનું અમેરિકન અર્થતંત્રમાં ૩.૬ અબજ ડોલરનું યોગદાન રહ્યું છે. વર્ષ ૨૦૧૪માં ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓની સંખ્યા આશરે ૧,૦૩,૦૦૦ જેટલી હતી, જે આ ઐતિહાસિક વર્ષ ૨૦૧૫માં ૩૦ ટકા વધીને ૧,૩૨,૮૮૮ પર પહોંચી છે. ભારતમાં કુલ વિદ્યાર્થીઓની સંખ્યામાં પશ્ચિમ ભારતના ૧૭ ટકા વિદ્યાર્થી છે. અત્યારે પશ્ચિમ ભારતના ગુજરાત, મહારાષ્ટ્ર, ગોવા, મધ્ય પ્રદેશ અને

છત્તીસગઢ એમ પાંચ રાજ્યના કુલ ૨૨,૦૦૦થી વધારે વિદ્યાર્થી અમેરિકામાં ઉચ્ચ શિક્ષણ મેળવી રહ્યા છે, એમ મુંબઈ સ્થિત અમેરિકન કોન્સ્યુલેટના કોન્સુલ જનરલ ટોમ વાજ્ડાએ પત્રકાર પરિષદને સંબોધતા જણાવ્યું હતું. દરમિયાન વિઝા સેક્શનના ચીફ માઇક એવાન્સે આ બાબતમાં કહ્યું હતું કે ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓ ઉચ્ચ શિક્ષણ માટે અમેરિકાને વિરોધ પરંતુ કરી રહ્યા છે. એકલા પશ્ચિમ ભારતમાંથી જ સ્ટુડન્ટ વિઝાના આંકડાઓ અત્યારે વર્ષની તુલનાએ આ વર્ષે ૮૯ ટકા જેટલો વધારો જોવા મળ્યો છે.

ઓપન ડોર્સ રિપોર્ટ ઓન ઇન્ટરનેશનલ એજ્યુકેશન એક્સચેન્જના તાજેતરના આંકડા પ્રમાણે અમેરિકામાં ભણતા ૮૦ ટકા ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓ એન્જિનિયરિંગ, અદ્વિત, કમ્પ્યુટર સાયન્સ અને બિઝનેસ સેક્ટરમાં શિક્ષણ લઈ રહ્યા છે. જોકે હવે વિદ્યાર્થીઓનો ઝોક ઓફબીટ અભ્યાસક્રમ પૈકી જેમ કે ફોટોગ્રાફી, સિનેમેટોગ્રાફી, કમ્પ્યુટર

અર્ટ્સ તરફ વધારે જોવા મળે છે. આ બધા અભ્યાસક્રમમાં ગુજરાતના વિદ્યાર્થીઓ વિશેષ ઝંપલાવે છે, એવું ઇન્ડિયન એજ્યુકેશન સોસાયટીના કાર્યાલય સુરીએ અમદાવાદથી જણાવ્યું હતું.

કુલ ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓ પૈકી ૬૪ ટકા વિદ્યાર્થી સ્નાતક, ૧૨ ટકા વિદ્યાર્થી અનુસ્નાતક અને ૨૨ ટકા ઓપનલ પ્રેક્ટિકલ ટ્રેઇનિંગ (ઓપીટી) તથા એક ટકા વિદ્યાર્થી નોન-ડીગ્રી પ્રોગ્રામ્સ એટલે અંગ્રેજી ભાષા કે અન્ય દુર્લભ સમયગાળાના શિક્ષણ માટે પ્રવેશ લેવાનું પરંતુ કરે છે, એવું અહેવાલમાં જણાવ્યું હતું. આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય સ્તરે વિદેશી વિદ્યાર્થીમાં ભારતથી આવળ યોગી રહ્યા છે, જેમાં સંખ્યાની દૃષ્ટિએ ગયા વર્ષે ૨,૭૪,૪૩૯ નોંધાયો હતો, જે આ વર્ષે ૧૦.૮ ટકા વધીને ૩.૦૪ લાખની સપાટીએ પહોંચ્યા છે, જેમાં સઉંથી અરબિયાના વિદ્યાર્થીની સંખ્યામાં ૧૧.૨ ટકા વૃદ્ધિ થઈ છે, એવું અહેવાલમાં જણાવ્યું હતું. ■

મુંબઈ: ગયા વર્ષે ભારતના તત્કાલીન અમેરિકન રાજદૂત કેથલિન સ્ટીક્સ સમક્ષ ગુજરાતમાં મુખ્ય પ્રધાન આનંદીબહેન પટેલે ગુજરાત રાજ્યમાં વિઝા ફેસિલિટી સેન્ટર કે કોન્સ્યુલેટ સેન્ટર શરૂ કરવાની માગણી કરવામાં આવી હતી, પરંતુ હાલના તબક્કે અત્યારે કોઈ યોજના વિચારણા અંતર્ગત નથી, એવું મુંબઈ સ્થિત અમેરિકન કોન્સુલના જનરલ ટોમ વાજ્ડાએ 'મુંબઈ સમાચાર'ને જણાવ્યું હતું. ઉલ્લેખનીય છે કે દરરોજ સેંકડોની સંખ્યામાં ગુજરાતવાસીઓ વિઝાની પ્રક્રિયા માટે ગુજરાતથી મુંબઈ આવે છે. જો કોન્સ્યુલેટની ઓફિસ ગુજરાતમાં શરૂ કરવામાં આવે તો વિદ્યાર્થીઓ સહિત અનેક અરજદારોની ગુજરાતથી મુંબઈની રજાગપટ ઓછી થઈ શકે છે, એવો મત વારંવાર વ્યક્ત કરવામાં આવે છે.

ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓનું દિલ જીતવામાં ટેકસાસ મોખરે

૧.	ટેક્સાસ	૧૩.૪
૨.	કેલિફોર્નિયા	૧૧.૨
૩.	ન્યૂ યોર્ક	૧૧.૨
૪.	ઇલિનોઇસ	૦૬.૬
૫.	મેસેચ્યુસેટ્સ	૦૫.૨
૬.	પેન્સિલવેનિયા	૦૪.૯
૭.	ઓહાઇયો	૦૪.૭
૮.	મિસુરી	૦૩.૭
૯.	ઇન્ડિયાના	૦૩.૫
૧૦.	ફ્લોરિડા	૦૩.૪

Heading: 30% jump in number of Indian students in the U.S.

Substance: The number of Indian students heading to the U.S. for higher education recorded a robust jump of around 29.4 per cent to 132,888 in the 2014/15 academic year, according to a report, beating China in terms of growth. The U.S. also remained the most preferred destination in higher education for students from not only India but other countries as well. Approximately 80% of all Indian students in the U.S. are in the fields of Engineering, Math/Computer Science, and Business. According to the "Open Doors" report, the number of international students at U.S. colleges and universities had the highest rate of growth in 35 years, increasing by 10 per cent to a record high of 9,74,926 students in 2014/15. The report also found the number of U.S. students studying abroad rose by 5 per cent in 2013/14.

અમેરિકામાં ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓની સંખ્યામાં ૩૦% વધારો થયો

મુંબઈ, તા. ૧૬
ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓને વિદેશી
ડિગ્રીનો મોહ વધુને વધુ લાગતો જાય
છે. એક સમયે શ્રીમંતોને પરવડતો
આ મોભો અન્યરના વિદ્યાર્થીઓનો
ટ્રેન્ડ બની ગયો છે. તેમાં પણ વિદેશી
નીતિ, એજ્યુકેશન લોન અને સરળ
વિઝા પ્રોસેસને કારણે ભારતીય
યુવાનો ફોરેન એજ્યુકેશન તરફ
વળ્યા છે. તેના પરિણામે આ વર્ષે
અમેરિકા ભણવા જનારા ભારતીય
વિદ્યાર્થીઓની સંખ્યામાં આશરે
૩૦%નો વધારો થયો છે.

યુ.એસ.ની ઈન્સ્ટિટ્યૂટ ઓફ
ઈન્ટરનેશનલ એજ્યુકેશન અને
એજ્યુકેશનલ એન્ડ કલ્ચરલ અફેર
વિભાગ દ્વારા દર વર્ષે રજૂ થતાં
'ઓપન ડોર' રિપોર્ટમાં રજૂ થયેલા
આંકડા મુજબ અમેરિકામાં
આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓની
સંખ્યાએ છેલ્લા ૩૫ વર્ષનો રેકોર્ડ
તોડ્યો છે. ૨૦૧૪-૧૫માં
અમેરિકામાં ગયેલા આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય
વિદ્યાર્થીઓની સંખ્યામાં ૧૦%
જેટલો એટલે આશરે ૧૦ લાખ
વિદ્યાર્થીઓનો વધારો થયો છે. તો
ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓની ટકાવારી
આટલા વર્ષોમાં સૌથી વધુ રહી હતી.
જે ગત વર્ષ કરતાં ૨૯.૪% વધીને
૧,૩૨,૮૮૮ પહોંચી છે. ગત વર્ષે
અમેરિકામાં ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓની
સંખ્યા ૧,૦૨,૬૭૩ હતી. નોંધનીય
છે કે આ વર્ષે સ્ટુડન્ટ વિઝા
એપ્લિકેશનમાં ૮૯%નો વધારો
નોંધાયે હતો.

જોકે અમેરિકાના વિદ્યાર્થીઓને
ભણવાની પસંદગીના દેશોમાં
ભારત ભારમા ક્રમાંકે આવે છે.
૨૦૧૩-૧૪માં કુલ ૪૫૮૮
વિદ્યાર્થીઓ ભારતમાં આવ્યા હતા.
જેમાં ચાલુ વર્ષે ખૂબ નહીવત ફેરફાર
જણાયો છે. ઉલ્લેખનીય છે કે
અમેરિકી વિદ્યાર્થીઓ માત્ર શોર્ટ ટર્મ
કે સેમીસ્ટર ક્રેસ માટે જ ભારત પર
પસંદગી ઉતારે છે. જ્યારે ભારતીય
વિદ્યાર્થીઓ ટેકનોલોજી, સાયન્સ,
એન્જિનિયરીંગ અને મેનેજમેન્ટ
જેવા ક્રેસ વધુ પસંદ કરે છે.