# India: The Future of Higher Education under a New Government and Its Impact on International Institutions

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On April 7 this year the largest election in human history got underway. Over 815 million Indian voters, larger than the electorates of the US and European Union combined, will choose 543 elected representatives to form a government which will lead India for the next five years.

Sannam S4, India's leading international education advisory firm is delighted to be collaborating with The PIE News, the international education professionals' news provider, to deliver an insightful review of the potential impacts of India's imminent election result. We will be addressing the critical questions already being posed by international institutions that are active in India and will be offering advice and suggestions on how institutions should be preparing for the outcome.

# Wondering How Election 2014 Can Change The Game?

### The Importance Of The Election:

Policies implemented by a new government could have a huge impact on the domestic education sector as well as significantly impacting student recruitment from India, the development of international partnerships and the ability of a foreign institution to establish a campus or training center in India.

# Is your institution ready for changing numbers of Indian students?

The Indian Rupee lost 20% of its value in 2013, which put the dream of studying abroad out of reach for a large number of Indian students. Any further weakening of the currency would have a further negative impact, whilst a strengthening of the Rupee would increase student recruitment numbers from India once again. A change of government alone could have a huge immediate impact on the currency.

#### **Establishing a Campus in India - A Reality?**

Will education be pushed through in its current form to aid the development of the sector or will a new party have its own views of what role international institutions should/could have on shaping the future higher education sector in India?

#### **Resourcing the Higher Education and Skills Sectors in India**

India has an ambitious target of skilling 500 million people by 2022, but there is a desperate local shortage of trainers and quality teaching facilities. Will the new government make the necessary investments and enable India to realise its demographic dividend or will it fall short, leading to a potential demographic disaster?

#### **Visa Policies for Indian Students**

As international governments seek to partner with a new Indian government will there be strong elements of "soft power" politics, which could have profound impact on the ability of Indian students to secure visas?



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