

I. Source

Alya Mishra 07 February 2014 Issue No:306 *University World News*. Magazine article with lots of quotes from university and government reps, private entities in India, various ministries and professional organizations and consultants (Ernst and Young).

II. Credibility of Source

Article obviously researched and results reported are credible because the sources are credible.

III. Summary of Content and Conclusions

Several surveys suggest that half of all graduates in India are not employable in any sector based on industry standards. This has sparked growing concern about the mismatch between universities and the needs of the job market.

Among some disciplines the skills gap appears to be staggering – 75% of IT graduates are deemed ‘unemployable’, 55% in manufacturing, 55% in healthcare and 50% in banking and insurance, according to Higher Education in India: Vision 2030, a report produced by international consultants Ernst and Young for the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, or FICCI.

The National Association of Software and Services Companies maintains that of around three million graduates each year, less than a third of graduates of engineering colleges and only 10% to 15% of regular graduates are employable.

The deficits described in the article are both technical and in soft skills. It goes on to discuss various remedies that are being applied but there are no indications that these are showing any results. There were no conclusions drawn.

IV. Relevance to the Department of ECE

Since this article was about the appalling deficits in undergraduates in India, there is no direct relevance to the Department.

V. Recommendations for the Department or the IAB

If the University and specifically the Department has any interest in establishing an international campus, then India would seem to be an ideal place to do so given the extremely poor job being done by all

except the top universities there, especially in engineering. ECE could have a large impact very quickly.

VI. Contact Information

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The full article can be found here:

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20140204171742828>