

News from the world of Education: March 6, 2026

Information on colleges, admissions, scholarships, events, MoUs, and more

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Culinary Art India 2026

The Indian Culinary Forum will host the 18th edition of Culinary Art India 2026, from March 10 to 14 at Hall 1, First Floor, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. It is open to culinary

students and apprentices across India. Details at <https://tinyurl.com/5xm7bz63>

Screenwriting workshop

Whistling Woods International and the Screenwriters Association are hosting a five-day Screenwriting Workshop led by well-known screenplay writer Anjum Rajabali from March 11 to March 15. For details and registration, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ektsmkdt>

Meraki 2026

Fortune Institute of International Business will hold Meraki 2026, an international business plan competition for student founders, on March 14. The deadline to register is March 8. Details at <https://www.fiib.edu.in/meraki/>

CAUSE 2026

CMR University has launched CAUSE 2026, a global Design Thinking Challenge on the theme *The Future is Local*.

Eligibility: UG and PG students, including those who are taking gap years. A team can have minimum two and maximum six members.

Deadline: March 25

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4rdmhx6r>

UWA Hack for Impact 2026

The University of Western Australia and the Indo-Australian Chamber of Commerce (AustCham India) Perdaman, Invest and Trade WA, invite registrations for Venture's UWA Hack for Impact 2026, a five-day, fully virtual, cross-border innovation challenge that will be held from April 9-12.

Eligibility: Open to students from all disciplines from India and Australia

Deadline: April 6

More information at <https://tinyurl.com/mrmhvwkt>

Admissions and scholarships

BIT Mesra's Department of Humanities and Social Sciences has launched an interdisciplinary M.A. Liberal Arts programme.

Eligibility: Minimum 55% aggregate in Bachelor's degree in any discipline or equivalent grade/CGPA

Deadline: May 31

Details at <https://tinyurl.com/bdffp6fv>

The Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research invite applications for the IISER Aptitude Test 2026 on June 7 for admission to UG programmes across IISER campuses.

Eligibility: Minimum 60% aggregate in Class 12 board exam or equivalent or three-year diploma in Science stream.

Deadline: April 13

For details, visit <https://iiseradmission.in/>

The University of Winchester and Oxford International India invite applications for the M.Sc. International Business Management the Master's in Public Health programmes. For details visit <https://tinyurl.com/5n83fd93> and <https://tinyurl.com/s7yfkax5> respectively

The University of Sheffield, the U.K., invites applications for its M.Sc. Robotics course, starting this September. Scholarships are available.

Eligibility: Holders of a three- or four-year Bachelor's degree in a relevant subject from a recognised university. Overall IELTS score of 6.5 with 6 in each component or university equivalent

<https://tinyurl.com/mr4ed3td>

ITM Business School has announced the upcoming Case Analysis and Personal Interview (CAPI) round across India for admissions to its MBA iConnect 2026–28 programme on March 14. Details at <https://tinyurl.com/39sc7pwk>

Strathclyde Business School, Glasgow, the U.K., is offering the Dean's Excellence Awards to international fee-paying students who hold a conditional or unconditional offer for a UG degree in Accounting and Finance; Business; Economics; Entrepreneurship; Hospitality and Tourism; Human Resource Management; Languages; Management' Management Science, and Marketing.

Deadline: August 3

More information at <https://tinyurl.com/yeyv9tma>

Events

Shiv Nadar University concluded the third edition of its Industry Partners Summit on the theme *Innovate, Educate and Elevate*. Industry leaders from HCLTech, Bain & Company, Adobe, Ericsson India, Infogain, Jubilant Life Sciences and Thales participated.

Ashoka University has expanded its Department of Psychology into the Department of Psychology and Cognitive Sciences, and appointed Nandini Chatterjee Singh as the new Head of Department.

The Centre for Action Research and Development has launched ViveQ, a multilingual mental wellness podcast, which is offered in English, Hindi and Punjabi and will expand into additional regional languages.

A.M. Jain College hosted Sardar 2026, its intercollegiate cultural festival. Over 70 colleges participated in more than 12 competitions across dance, music, and fine arts.

Marwadi University concluded its Youth and Democracy Conference 2026 on the theme Bridging Participation and Power. Speakers included Parshottam Rupala, Lok Sabha MP

from Rajkot, Devyani Devender Singh Rana, MLA from Jammu and Kashmir, and Paul Dangshu, MLA from Tripura.

Researchers from **University of Warwick, the U.K., led by Fayyaz Minhas, Associate Professor**, highlighted the risks of using AI cancer pathology tools as some deep learning systems may use hidden shortcuts instead of true biological markers. The study was published in *Nature Biomedical Engineering*.

Smiling Tree conducted workshops on composting, tree planting, and waste segregation to promote environmental responsibility among students.

EuroSchool Kharadi, Pune, hosted TEDxYouth 2026 on the theme Discover the Strength in Being You: Embrace Your Imperfection. The event featured 12 speakers including four from the school.

IIM-Kashipur organised Vishleshan: The Annual Analytics Conclave on the theme *Decision Making in the Era of the Intelligent Enterprise*. Speakers included Abhinav Vijayvargiya, CFO of Scaler; Anand Aggarwal, Group CTO of Bennett Coleman & Co.; Chandan Vijay, Global Chief Data Officer of ABB Energy Industries; Devroop Bhattacharya, Director – Data & Analytics of PwC India; Gaurav Sharma, Head of Technology – Fresh Foods Business of ITC Ltd.; Chirag Suresh Mehta, Chief Data and Analytics Officer of Star Health and Allied Insurance; Deepak Kulkarni, Associate Director of IBM; Rishi Seth, Senior Director of Fractal; and Nilotpall Das, Director of Solution Delivery of Novartis.

A study by **K. R. Singh, S. Walling, and A. Sarkar from Nagaland University** on the genetic diversity of *Musa sikkimensis*, a wild banana, highlighted its climate resilience and agricultural potential. The research findings were published in *Flora and Fauna*.

Dnyaan Prasad Global University hosted the Cook for Change Challenge: Season 3 as part of the university's NSS activities. Around 35 participants with intellectual and developmental disabilities were supported by DPGU students who volunteered to support them through the challenge.

BOP.in, through its BOP Connect, conducted a programme on the real estate sector for students of Tecnia Institute of Advanced Studies. Vishal Joshi, Chief Marketing and

Growth Officer, spoke at the event.

St. Mary's Rehabilitation University was formally established in Hyderabad under the Telangana State Private Universities Act, as a fully integrated rehabilitation university, offering specialised schools in rehabilitation, psychology, and special education, and combining education, clinical services, research, and workforce development.

Noida International University organised an Educators Meet 2026 in Bardhaman, West Bengal, to celebrate the contribution of teachers in shaping future generations.

Anant National University launched a white paper, *From Policy Intent to Lived Inclusion: A Systems Framework for Strengthening Inclusive Education for Children with Special Needs in Urban Contexts*, which examined gaps between policy and practice in inclusive education.

KCG College of Technology inaugurated its AICTE Idea, Development, Evaluation and Application (IDEA) Lab to foster Design Thinking and the startup culture.

The Circle India hosted **Project Reinvention 2026** at Shikha Academy, Borivali, gathering over 300 stakeholders to explore evolving Indian learning systems, covering community education, leadership, arts pedagogy, and AI in classrooms.

Siemens Energy India launched the first batch of scholars under its Energy4Good initiative, offering technical and soft skills training, project-based learning, internships, and mentoring.

Aahwahan Foundation and **NTT DATA** collaborated to redevelop Kadugodi Government PU College, Bengaluru, and rebuild unsafe and deteriorating infrastructure, modernise essential facilities, and create a secure learning environment for students.

Vivekanand Education Society's Polytechnic, in association with the **VES Polytechnic Alumni Association and the Institution's Innovation Council Cell**, hosted VES Technothon 2026, a state-level hackathon on the theme *Aarambh: Where every 'What if' finds its beginning* for diploma engineering students.

XLRI Delhi-NCR concluded its marketing initiative, MAXI Mela 2026, organised by the Marketing Association of XLRI (MAXI). Centred around an Indie Pop Art theme, the event blended entertainment with academic rigour, enabling students to apply classroom marketing frameworks within a real-world consumer environment in collaboration with organisations such as Mahindra Group, AB InBev, and Procter & Gamble.

Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH) concluded its annual fest Vihaan 2026 on the theme *Together We Rise*. The chief guest was Vinod Chaturvedi, CHRO at Shree Cement Ltd. Institutions from across the country, including IIM-Calcutta, IIM-Sambalpur, IIM-Kashipur, IIT-Mandi, MDI, IMI, FORE, LSR, SRCC, Welingkar Mumbai, Great Lakes Institute of Management, and others participated.

An AI-enabled Virtual Reality Courtroom Simulation Programme was introduced at the **Gujarat National Law University** during its convocation. Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant was the chief guest.

Convocations

Vivekanand Education Society's College of Architecture held its third convocation for its Bachelor of Architecture and Diploma in Interior Design students. Ramprasad Akkisetti, MD, CCBA Designs, delivered the convocation address.

The first cohort of students of the **University of Glasgow and Biocon Academy partnership M.Sc.** graduated at a ceremony held at the Biocon Academy in Bengaluru

Over 6,800 students from **Nagaland University** were awarded degrees during the institutes eighth convocation, C. P. Radhakrishnan, Vice-President of India was the chief guest.

Awards

MCX Investor Protection Fund concluded the eighth edition of MCX-IPF COMQUEST 2026, the national-level commodity markets quiz. **Parth Bansal from IMI-New Delhi** was the winner. **Rushikesh Ugale from NISM-Mumbai** was the first runner-up and **Shubham Pasari from XLRI-Jamshedpur** was the second runner-up.

Balashiva S. from Chennai was declared winner in the Best Emerging Coder Category of the TCS CodeVita 2026. **Keerthi K.P. from Chennai** was the first runner-up in the best Women Coders Category followed by **Mahak Lachhwani from Bhopal**.

Mumbai Educational Trust held the finale of MET Utsav 2026 on the theme *Mind Meets Machine*. Toppers across MET were honoured with MET Ratna Awards while the MET Gaurav Awards were conferred on students, faculty, and staff who represented MET on international platforms.

Collaborations

Gamepoint partnered with **CoLLearn Sports** to launch a Full Job-Integrated Sports Management Programme in Hyderabad, with the former as the official internship and placement partner.

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants partnered with **Calcutta University** to enhance educational opportunities in Accounting and Finance.

The Indian Institute of Creative Technologies signed an MoU with **National and State AVGC-XR Associations** at GAFX 2026, Bengaluru, to boost the country's animation, VFX, gaming, comics, and XR ecosystem.

Institute of Bakery and Culinary Arts partnered with Australian National Institute of Business and Technology to enhance culinary and hospitality education and foster international skill development and collaboration.

Pearl Academy signed an MoU with **OpenAI** to implement OpenAI Edu across all its campuses for 2026–27.

The Jubilant Bhartia Foundation partnered with **McGill University** to launch a Centre of Excellence in AI Education and Research, aiming to train job-ready AI engineers and research leaders.

Mercedes-Benz Research and Development India signed a Master Research Agreement with **IIT-Delhi** to collaborate on research in quantum technologies, future materials, neuromorphic engineering, and electric mobility.

Sanjay Ghodawat University partnered with **QSpiders**, Bengaluru, to provide practical training in UI/UX across B.Tech, MBA, MCA, and B.Des programmes.

JD Institute of Fashion Technology partnered with **Dunes College** to launch professional design courses in Kutch.

The Department of Mechanical Engineering at JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) signed an MoU with **UD Trucks India** to provide hands-on industry training for its students.

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