

## Education News across the World



**IITS TO RECONSIDER THEIR PARTICIPATION IN TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION RANKING**

As per a statement released by IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Guwahati, IIT Kanpur, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Madras and IIT Roorkee, they have decided not to participate in any of the Times Higher Education (THE) - World University Rankings this year (2020). This has come amidst a confusion over the parameters and transparency in the rankings. Ranked in 4001 - 501 bracket in 2019, IIT Bombay maintained that it has last sent data to THE in the year 2017. THE has said institutions provide and sign off their institutional data for use in the rankings. It is during rare occasions, when a particular data point is not provided, THE enters a conservative estimate for the affected metric **Source: Money Control**

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## IMU COLLABORATES WITH FUSIONEX TO INTEGRATE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Leading multi-award-winning data technology specialist Fusionex in collaboration with Malaysia's pioneer private medical and health sciences education institution International Medical University (IMU) incorporates cutting-edge digital technologies into the university's undergraduate programs in an initiative to support the increased demand for digital health as a direct result of the Covid-19 pandemic. This collaboration will see Fusionex's Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) being implemented in various aspects of medical research and development to offer invaluable insights, reduce diagnostic and treatment periods, and expedite breakthroughs in medical research. These digital approaches to the medical field will allow students and educators to stay up-to-date regarding the spread of disease, receive better and more rapid health education, maintain consistent communication and improve decision making based on smart and holistic insights.. **Source: Business Wire**

## ALL GRADES WILL PROGRESS TO NEXT YEAR - SAUDI EDUCATION MINISTRY

In the wake of COVID 19 pandemic, Saudi Arabia's education ministry has decided that students of all grades will progress to the next year of their program of studies. It said that teaching would continue as normal through distance-education tools until the end of their academic year. Students then will be progressed to the following year of their academic programs. For secondary level, students will be considered passed in all subjects in this semester without negatively affecting their average. A statement by the ministry said the grades of the first semester will be adopted for the second semester. This will be applied to students in the kindergarten, elementary, middle school and secondary levels.. **Source:**

**Arab News**

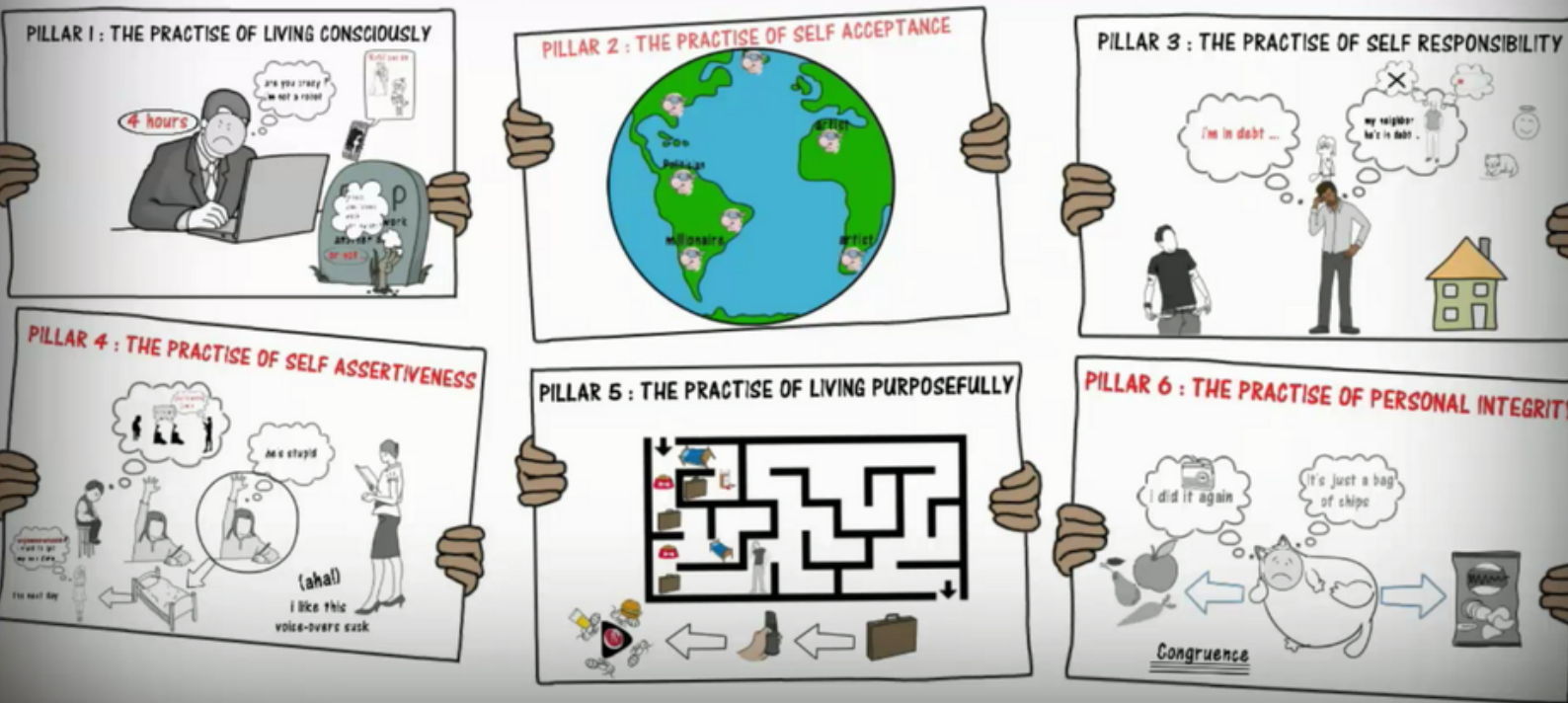


## ONLINE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITIES BY FACEBOOK

to collaborate and continue the learning process and provide information related to COVID-19 from authentic sources, Facebook has launched an online resource guide for educational communities. This guide is currently available in English, Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati and Kannada. Facebook has partnered with the UNESCO, which will support in ensuring the guide reaches learners, educational institutions and teachers across India besides supporting with the updating and curation of the guide with relevant learning resources. In addition, it has modules from Facebook's digital literacy programme - "We Think Digital" to help people think critically and share online thoughtfully. The guide will also provide vital information about COVID-19 from authoritative and credible sources such as Government of India's advisory, WHO India Situation Report Page, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Further, the on-ground needs will be matched with context-appropriate solutions to provide education remotely, with a special focus on ensuring access for women learners **Source: Hindustan Times**



# THE SIX PILLARS OF SELF ESTEEM



## ASK THE EXPERT

With online education gaining prominence in the education sector, will it become the new way of learning? - Anonymous

Hello Anonymous

It feels good to see people taking time to read through our newsletters send us their queries . Well online education or virtual classroom is not relatively a new concept. Starting from sending notes through posts in the 1800s to using the internet, this concept was pretty much used to offer distance education. Radio waves and television was also used by professors to transmit information. Though at first the students who enrolled for such programs were relatively less, slowly people began to realize that this form of learning was much flexible and has its own advantages when compared to traditional classroom setting.

Now in 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic schools and colleges have completely shifted their focus on this mode of education to keep students and professors safe. Though it is highly unlikely that online education will replace the traditional way of learning in the classroom, it may change the way we learn today. Schools and universities have started to realize that shifted to co-education spaces can help relieve the pressure from the students and professors . Here students can collaborate, engage and learn at their own pace as the materials required are out their which can be accessed anytime, any day and anywhere.

Though, online education via virtual spaces can speed up things, they can never replace the traditional classrooms because, students learn more in a real time environment than in a virtual world as their problem solving skills increase when they are with their peers and engage with teachers face to face, which unfortunately a pre-recorded video cannot provide. But, without a doubt, virtual education has its own set of advantages which is sure to change the course of education in this world.

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)