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**Press Release**

**Indian Opens Doors of Its 83 Premier Educational Institution for Omani Students with Launch of Centralized Admission Portal for ‘Studying in India’**

With a network of around 800 universities and 3800 colleges, India’s higher education system is among the largest in the world. A number of higher education institutions like Indian Institutes of Technologies (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Medical Colleges are known worldwide for their top quality education at affordable cost. People of Oman are familiar with India, its culture and its people. India and Oman are geographically close and are well connected. There are 250 flights every week between India and Oman, connecting Muscat with 12 cities of India directly and hundreds more indirectly. India, therefore, presents a destination of choice for Omani youth for their higher studies.

Choosing a premier educational institute in India for study and applying for admission has been simplified like never before with launch of a centralized admission portal [www.studyindia.gov.in](http://www.studyindia.gov.in), wherein Omani students, can choose from over 15,000 seats available in various disciplines in 83 premier educational institutions in India and apply for admission to the institutions and courses of their choice.

Omani students can apply, without the need to pay any fee, in over 83 premier educational institutions giving their choices. An algorithm in the portal will rank the applicants based on their merit and allocate seats based on their choices. These educational institutes have also committed to provide scholarships (varying from 100% to 25% depending on the merit of the student) to more than half of the foreign students.

The centralized admission portal [www.studyindia.gov.in](http://www.studyindia.gov.in) also provides comprehensive information on eligibility requirements, fee structure, visa requirements, places of stay, cost of living near the Institute, culture of India, places for travel and experiences shared by foreign students who have studied in India.

For further details and any clarifications, please contact Embassy of India, Muscat, at [edu.muscat@mea.gov.in](mailto:edu.muscat@mea.gov.in) or 24684555.

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