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Students Voice Opinions Over Best Universities

PR Web - UK
June 29 2009

The university comparison website Whatuni.com has released results for the Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2009 (see file attached). Based on the opinions expressed by over 7,000 current student reviews and divided across ten categories from best for accommodation to best for courses and lecturers, these awards represent the views of today's 'consumer students'.

Full article:

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2009/06/prweb2582654.htm>

Indian Court Asks Government to Protect Students Overseas

Bloomberg
June 29 2009

India's Supreme Court asked the government to take steps to ensure the safety and freedom of its students in Australia and other countries.

"Parents of Indian students have a legitimate right to express their concern," said a bench headed by Justice Dalveer Bhandari. "We should not push the problem under the carpet."

Full article:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601081&sid=adGBBaHi3Rtk>

Indians in Australia are safe

The Times of India
June 28 2009

HAZARIBAG: Australian scientist Jose (Jimmy) Botella, who is attending a three-day international conference hosted by Vinoba Bhave University in Hazaribag, on Sunday said that Indian students in Australia are safe and that reports about repeated attacks on them in Melbourne and Sydney have been blown out of proportion by the Indian media.

Full article:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Ranchi/Indians-in-Australia-are-safe/articleshow/4713023.cms>

Australian University seeking cooperation with ISI

Antara News (Indonesia)
June 28 2009

Denpasar (ANTARA News) - An Australian University is now exploring the possibility of cooperating with the Denpasar-based Indonesian Arts Institute (ISI) in the field of fine arts, the ISI rector said.

The cooperation being explored included exhibitions, international seminars, arts collaboration and other activities which supported the teaching and learning process, ISI Rector Prof. I Wayan Rai here on Sunday.

Full article:

<http://www.antara.co.id/en/view/?i=1246190866&c=NAT&s=>

Teaching Asians the Kiwi Way

Stuff.co.nz
June 27 2009

Foreign students are New Zealand's fifth-biggest export earner, but schools and universities know that the only way to gain a share of the market is to go out and grab it. Catherine Harris joins them in Thailand.

It's a hot dry day at a northern Thailand university where a contingent of neatly dressed Kiwis set up their booths promoting the best of the New Zealand lifestyle.

Full article:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/industries/2544316/Teaching-Asians-the-Kiwi-way/>

Safety net urged for international students

The Australian
June 24 2009

GOVERNMENT and higher education providers should set aside money as a financial safety net for international students, according to a joint study by researchers at Monash and Melbourne universities, whose report comes amid fresh indications that many find themselves in financial trouble.

The paper also calls on the government to review the specified minimum income students need to support themselves while studying. Too many need to work long hours. Working long hours and a reliance on public transport are believed to be factors in making students vulnerable to attacks of the kind that have attracted so much publicity.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25679615-12332,00.html>

Overseas-study show pulls in student crowds

Shanghai Daily
June 22 2009

MORE than 20,000 visitors packed the Shanghai East Asia Exhibition Hall over the weekend looking for an overseas-study program at the 10th Shanghai Modern Education and Overseas-Study Exhibition.

Full article:

http://www.shanghaidaily.com/sp/article/2009/200906/20090622/article_404912.htm

British education, right in Malaysia

The Star Online (Malaysia)
June 21 2009

NOTHING beats a good British education. And there's little doubt that universities in Britain are clearly among the world's best.

The fact that no less than 400,000 Malaysians have obtained degrees in Britain goes to show the popularity of British education among those back home.

Full article:

<http://thestar.com.my/columnists/story.asp?file=/2009/6/21/columnists/eurofile/4148289&sec=eurofile>

School peddles fake RMIT degree

AsiaOne (Singapore)
June 19 2009

GET a degree from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) in just one year, for as little as \$12,000.

Better yet, spare yourself the trip to Australia. Just head to Beach Road for evening classes once or twice a week, and hand up minimal assignments. No examinations required.

Full article:

<http://www.asiaone.com/News/Education/Story/A1Story20090617-149061.html>

Off to different shores

The Times Of India
June 22 2009

According to recent figures, every year, 100,000 Indian students go to the US, 30,000-45,000 students to UK and one-fifth of the 4,15,000 students in Australia are Indians.

While the craze for studying and migrating to these countries continues unabated, it is the dream of many career-oriented students to pursue specialised courses in countries like Italy, Poland, Germany, France, Switzerland and Sweden.

Full article:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Potpourri/Off-to-different-shores/articleshow/4683853.cms>

Students face 'terrible violence'

The National - United Arab Emirates
June 20 2009

SYDNEY // As Australia grapples with embarrassing attacks on young Indians, students from the Middle East have also been subjected to unprovoked violence and bigotry.

There have been dozens of assaults in Melbourne and Sydney, mostly on Indian expatriates, and the muggings and beatings have spread to smaller regional centres, where other nationalities have been targeted in a suspected wave of racially motivated crimes.

Full article:

<http://www.thenational.ae/article/20090621/FOREIGN/706209818/1002>

Jeju to be mecca for English ed

JoongAng Daily, Korea
June 18 2009

JEJU - Jeju, Korea's most popular tourist destination for its warm climate and beautiful scenery, is bracing itself for bigger fame - through English education.

Jeju Special Self-Governing Province in Jeju Island yesterday broke ground for the nation's first district to be solely devoted to English education, drawing not only domestic but also international students beginning in 2011.

Full article:

<http://joongangdaily.joins.com/article/view.asp?aid=2906290>

More Chinese students plan to study abroad

China.org.cn
June 15 2009

The overseas education market in China is about as hot as Beijing's summer sun. After China's annual College Entrance Examination in June, thousands of students rushed into China International Exhibition Center to attend the 2009 Beijing International Education Expo.

Full article:http://www.china.org.cn/china/news/2009-06/15/content_17950734.htm

New tools to help foreign students

The Canberra Times
June 13 2009

Territory, state and federal education ministers have agreed to set up a taskforce, telephone hotline and guidebook to help protect the interests of overseas students studying in Australia. The move follows recent attacks in Sydney and Melbourne on Indian students which have led to mass protests and threaten Australia's highly lucrative international student market.

Full article:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/new-tools-to-help-foreign-students/1539793.aspx>

Crackdown on education providers in wake of student attacks

The Australian
June 12 2009

PROTESTS in the wake of attacks on international students have forced a national quality crackdown on education and training providers to shore up the reputation of Australia's \$15.5 billion education export industry.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25625761-12332,00.html>

International students: Unrest, travel concession proposal

ABC Sydney
June 11 2009

Unrest has continued for the third night in a row in Sydney's west involving Indian students angry about violent attacks.

Police have broken up a stand-off at Harris Park between about 70 Indian students and two members of the Lebanese community.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/11/2594928.htm?site=sydney>

Not-So-Secret Agents

Inside Higher Ed
June 10 2009

American colleges seem increasingly willing to at least try out the use of agents in recruiting international students, and a series of events at the recent NAFSA: Association of International Educators conference only reinforced that reality. However, a serious debate still simmers about whether the use of agents best serves the interests of students, and a schism exists between those in international education who promote the practice and those in admissions who continue to reject the notion of incentive- or commission-based overseas recruiting on ethical grounds.

Full article:

<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/06/10/agents>

Moves to safeguard Indian students

June 10 2009
The Australian

UNIVERSITIES Australia last night put its faith in "strong law enforcement" as part of a 10-point action plan on student safety, while vigilante-like groups of Indian students have formed in Melbourne and Sydney in response to fresh attacks on their compatriots.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25612283-12332,00.html>

Chinese students head overseas to avoid intense competition

Australia Network News
June 09 2009

An increasing number of Chinese students are deciding to study overseas at foreign universities to escape the intense competition of the country's college entrance examinations.

More than 10.3 million high school graduates sat the exams on Tuesday.

China's ministry of education says around 90,000 high school students joined foreign universities last year.

Full article:

<http://australianetworknews.com/stories/200906/2593617.htm?desktop>

India needs a regulatory body for education sector

LiveMint.com (Wall Street Journal)
June 09 2009

HRD minister Kapil Sibal said he would try his best to push for FDI in education & the government may soon set up a regulator to oversee this crucial sector

New Delhi: Human resource development minister Kapil Sibal said he would try his best to push for foreign direct investment in education and the government may soon set up a regulator to oversee this crucial sector that has the potential to attract high investments. Edited excerpts.

Full article:

<http://www.livemint.com/2009/06/08223709/India-needs-a-regulatory-body.html?h=B>

More students opt to study abroad

The Augusta Chronicle
June 04 2009

When Lauren Murray travels to New Zealand on Saturday, she'll be doing so with the help of scholarships, her own money and cash from her family.

The Augusta State University senior said studying education in New Zealand and Australia this summer will be worth the financial strain.

Full article:

http://chronicle.augusta.com/stories/2009/06/04/met_526464.shtml

50-60% of students may opt for UK, Canadian varsities

The Business Standard
June 04 2009

Australia's "curry bashing" appears to have affected the education business. Educational counsellors, travel agents and industry observers say 50 to 60 per cent of students who had planned to apply for admissions this November to study in Australia are considering or are being guided to alternate destinations like the UK.

Full article:

<http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/50-60students-may-opt-for-uk-canadian-varsities/360054/>

Experts warn students' attacks may hit education market

The Hindu News Update Service
June 03 2009

Melbourne (PTI) Warning that the recent surge in attacks on Indian students in Australia could severely hit the USD 15 billion overseas student market, educationists here have said that urgent steps should be taken to address the issue and re-assure foreign students.

Full article:

<http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/000200906031609.htm>

China fear over safety of students

The Age
June 04 2009

THE future of the \$15.5 billion overseas student industry is under threat after the Chinese Government went public with concerns about violence against its students in Australia.

Battling to contain the damage arising from attacks on Indian students, university vice-chancellors fear Australia's third-largest export industry may face sanctions from the Chinese and Indian governments.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/china-fear-over-safety-of-students-20090603-by-pe.html>

Indians are not the only ones attacked in Australia: Cops

The Times of India
June 02 2009

Students from India are not the only ones to have been attacked in Australia, the police said, as the Indian community here points out that some students from India do not behave properly in public places.

There have been a string of attacks on Indian students that left one student suffering from severe burn injuries and another seriously injured, causing outrage in India.

Full article:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/4609608.cms>

Indian Students Grow Wary of Australia Following Attacks

Wall Street Journal
June 03 2009

Random violence against Indian students is damaging the reputation of Australia's growing tertiary-education industry.

More than 1,000 mostly Indian students protested the violence in a demonstration in the city Sunday and Monday. One recent attack in Melbourne left an Indian stabbing victim in a coma.

Full article:

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124392779289775971.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

Good University Guide 2010: Studying overseas

The Times - UK

June 03 2009

The idea of the 'overseas campus' is gaining in popularity for students

In the shadow of a distinctive bell-tower, a group of British students wander through a well-kept modern campus on their way to lectures. The "University of Nottingham" sign wouldn't seem unusual but for one fact: it's 5,760 miles from Nottingham.

Full article:

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/education/good_university_guide/article6409292.ece

Security guru to confront Indian student attacks

ABC News

June 02 2009

Foreign Minister Stephen Smith says a new taskforce has been formed to deal with violence against Indian students.

A spate of violent attacks against Indian students living in Melbourne has sparked protests and concern about Australia's reputation as a destination for foreign students.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/02/2587466.htm?section=australia>

Unrest or no unrest, they'll fly anyway

The Times of India

June 02 2009

Some are nervous, a few anxious and others in double mind, but most of them have decided to give their Australian dreams a green signal.

Undeterred by the recent unfolding of events, for students in the city, Australia continues to be one of the most favoured destinations.

Full article:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Ahmedabad/Unrest-or-no-unrest-theyll-fly-anyway/articleshow/4605898.cms>

Hulls plans hate crime crackdown

The Age

June 02 2009

HATE crime could soon be an offence in Victoria as the State Government moves to crack down on violent attacks against Indian students, homosexuals and other targeted groups.

Under a plan being pushed by Attorney-General Rob Hulls, judges would have to take into account "hatred for or a prejudice against a particular group of people" as an aggravating factor when sentencing offenders.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/hulls-plans-hate-crime-crackdown-20090601-bt06.html?page=-1>

Value in our school of hard knocks

The Australian
June 02 2009

THE recent violence and ensuing protest among Indian international students in Melbourne are the climax of a problem that has been long brewing. International students are among the most vulnerable groups in our community.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25571557-7583,00.html>

We are fighting a rising tide of assaults on our streets

The Herald Sun
June 02 2009

FOR quite some time, Victoria Police has been concerned about the rise in assaults and robberies involving Indian students.

We recognised this trend more than 18 months ago and have been working with the Indian community to detect and prevent these unacceptable crimes.

Full article:

<http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,25571717-5000117,00.html>

Alarm at exploitation of foreigners

University World News
May 31 2009

The federal government last week vowed to take action against training colleges that breach regulations and provide false certificates for money to foreign students to enable them to remain as permanent residents.

Full article:<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090528174700733>

'Race' attacks spark Indian rally

BBC
May 31 2009

At least 2,000 Indian students and supporters have rallied in Australia to protest against violent attacks which they say are racially motivated.

In one of the recent attacks in Melbourne, a student was critically injured by a screwdriver.

There have been more than 70 assaults in the past year, with at least four in the past fortnight.

Full article:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/8075855.stm>

Web-savvy & cynical: China's youth since Tiananmen

Associated Press

May 31 2009

KAIFENG, China (AP) — Twenty years ago, on the night of June 3, rumors were flying about an impending military crackdown against demonstrators in Beijing. That's when Feng Shijie's wife went into labor in his hometown, Kaifeng.

Full article:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jFoVPA1ylvk3UzTAcscdeYrcHMwD98GK4U80>

Check It, Mate

The Times of India

June 1 2009

It's difficult to put down the attacks on Indian students in Australia as stray incidents any longer. Instances of Indian students being assaulted there, often grievously, have been one too many recently. These students, like thousands of others, went to that country in search of educational opportunities to fulfil their dreams. Recent incidents, though, will not inspire confidence among current or prospective Indian students considering Australia as a destination.

Full article:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Editorial/EDITORIAL-COMMENT--Check-It-Mate/articleshow/4600724.cms>

Attacks strain Australia-India relations

AFP

May 31 2009

MELBOURNE (AFP) — Indian students rallied in Melbourne as Australia scrambled to contain outrage over a wave of attacks that has seen it labelled racist and strained diplomatic relations with New Delhi.

What began as a local policing issue in Australia's second largest city has spiralled into a crisis that prompted talks between Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh on student safety last week.

Full article:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5ibI7nuYUZuDBXW2ecuUtNPeSPOMw>

On message boards, it's just hate

The Times of India

May 31 2009

Snapshots of inter-racial harmony and campus-cosmopolitanism are for the university prospectus. Online posts on message boards by local Australian students spew hate against foreign students. One of them says, "they don't even know how to move out of the bloody way." Another says, "too many Muslims."

Full article:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Indians-Abroad/On-message-boards-its-just-hate/articleshow/4599194.cms>

Cut the campus cruelty: put yourself in the overseas student's shoes

Brisbane Times
May 30 2009

How to tell whether a neighbourhood is full of university students? Easy. By the speed at which discarded furniture disappears from the nature strips. Chipboard kitchen tables, slightly waterlogged. Office chairs missing wheels. They all go.

Full article:

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/opinion/cut-the-campus-cruelty-put-yourself-in-the-overseas-students-shoes-20090529-bq6h.html>