



## IGNITED MINDS TODAY

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### CALL FOR ARTICLES

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**Shaping the Future of the Nation Through Education, National Security,  
Innovation and Technological Leadership**

### About This Issue

The second Issue of Ignited Minds Today moves beyond traditional academic discourse to explore a critical question:

***How Education, National Security, Innovation and Technological Leadership Shape the Future of the Nation?***

This issue brings together perspectives at the intersection of:

- Education & Skills
- AI, Robotics & Deep Tech
- National Security & Strategic Thinking
- Economy, Policy & Global Competition

We invite contributions that go beyond theory and present **insightful, bold, and future-oriented perspectives.**

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## Who Should Contribute?

We welcome submissions from:

- Vice-Chancellors, Directors, and Academic Leaders
- Researchers & Faculty Members
- Policymakers & Government Officials
- Defense, AI & Technology Experts
- Industry Leaders & Startup Founders
- Global Scholars & Strategic Thinkers

## Thematic Sections & Suggested Article Topics

### 1. Cover Story

**Focus:** National Power Through Education & National Security

**Theme-** Empowering the Nation: Education, National Security & Technology for a Stronger Future.

### We're looking for:

- The End of Degrees? Rise of Skills in Defining National Competitiveness
- Education as a Strategic Asset: Power, Knowledge & Global Influence
- From Classrooms to Command: How Learning Shapes National Capability
- Skill Economies vs Knowledge Economies: Where is India Heading?
- Education in the Age of AI: Redefining Intelligence & National Strength

<b>Article Type</b>	Cover Story / Feature Article
<b>Word Count</b>	2,000–2,500 words
<b>Ideal Contributors</b>	Senior policymakers, strategic thinkers, education economists, AI & defense experts

## 2. Policy & Governance

**Focus:** *Governance Reimagined*

**Theme-** Agile Institutions: Decision-Making, Digital Governance & Power in Knowledge Systems

### We're looking for:

- Do Universities Need Reinvention? Rise of Agile Governance Models
- Political Influence on Academia: Threat or Necessity?
- Digital Governance in Higher Education: Opportunities & Risks
- Who Controls Knowledge? Power Structures in Modern Education
- Decentralized Universities: The Future of Institutional Governance

<b>Article Type</b>	Analytical Essay / Policy Analysis
<b>Word Count</b>	1,800–2,000 words
<b>Ideal Contributors</b>	UGC officials, university administrators, higher education legal experts

### 3. Quality, Accreditation & Rankings

**Focus:** *Redefining Quality Metrics*

**Theme-** Rankings Are Dead? Credibility in the Age of Skills, Portfolios & Proof of Work

#### **We're looking for:**

- Are Rankings Still Relevant in a Skills-Driven World?
- Beyond NAAC & NIRF: Rethinking Quality in Higher Education
- Portfolio-Based Evaluation: The Future of Academic Credibility
- Measuring Real Outcomes: Skills, Innovation & Impact
- Global Rankings vs Local Relevance: What Should Matter More?

<b>Article Type</b>	Critical Analysis / Opinion Piece
<b>Word Count</b>	1,500–2,000 words
<b>Ideal Contributors</b>	NAAC/NBA officials, institutional research directors, quality assurance experts

#### 4. Global Perspectives

**Focus:** *Global Knowledge Systems & Emerging Power Dynamics*

**Theme-** The Global Talent & Power Race: How Nations Compete Through Education & Technology

**We're looking for:**

- Education as Soft Power, Global Influence & Innovation Diplomacy
- India, USA, China & Emerging Innovation Nations: Competing Knowledge Economy Models
- Global Talent Wars: Brain Drain, Brain Gain, Skilled Mobility & Diaspora Networks
- Lessons from Global Education, Research & Innovation Systems for Future-Ready Societies
- International Collaboration vs Strategic Competition in Education, Research & Technology
- Digital Public Infrastructure, EdTech, Inclusive Innovation & Indigenous AI Ecosystems
- Language Technologies, Technological Sovereignty & Human Capital Development
- Comparative Perspectives from the Global South, OECD Nations & Emerging Innovation Ecosystems
- Global Strategic Partnerships, Skills & Innovation in the Emerging World Order

<b>Article Type</b>	Short Analytical Piece
<b>Word Count</b>	1,200–1,500 words
<b>Ideal Contributors</b>	International education leaders, scholars at foreign universities, global policy experts



## 5. Leadership & Institutional Transformation

**Focus:** *Vision to Execution in the AI Era*

**Theme-** Do Universities Still Need Traditional Governance? Rise of Agile Institutions

### We're looking for:

- Leadership in the Age of Disruption: Redefining University Roles
- From Administrators to Vision Architects: The New Academic Leader
- Institutional Transformation in the AI Era
- Building Future-Ready Universities: Strategies that Work
- Case Studies: Universities that Reinvented Themselves

<b>Article Type</b>	Case Study / Narrative Feature
<b>Word Count</b>	2,000–2,500 words
<b>Ideal Contributors</b>	Vice-Chancellors, Directors, Deans with documented transformation experience

## 6. Industry, Innovation & Employability

**Focus:** *Bridging the Academia-Industry Divide*

**Theme-** Hire for Skills, Not Degrees: Startups, Skills & the New Employability Revolution

### We're looking for:

- Why Companies Are Moving Beyond Degrees: The Rise of Skill-Based Hiring
- Startup Ecosystems, Innovation & Entrepreneurship in Universities
- Future of Work in the AI Era: Reskilling, Upskilling & Human-AI Collaboration
- Bridging the Industry-Academia Gap Through Practical Learning & Industry Partnerships
- Future Workforce Transitions: Digital Skills, Inclusion & Employability in Emerging Economies

<b>Article Type</b>	Case Study-Driven Feature
<b>Word Count</b>	2,200–2,500 words
<b>Ideal Contributors</b>	Partnership directors, entrepreneurship cell heads, corporate HR leaders

## 7. Research & Faculty Excellence

**Focus:** *Building India's Strategic Research Engine*

**Theme-** From Academic Research to National Capability: AI, Robotics & Strategic Innovation

**We're looking for:**

- From Research Papers to Real Impact: Bridging the Gap
- Role of Academia in AI, Robotics & Space Innovation
- DRDO, ISRO & Universities: Building a Strategic Research Ecosystem
- Interdisciplinary Research for National Capability
- Is the 'Publish or Perish' Model Still Relevant?

<b>Article Type</b>	Feature Article / Institutional Case Study
<b>Word Count</b>	2,200–2,500 words
<b>Ideal Contributors</b>	Research deans, faculty development heads, DRDO/ISRO collaborators, leading researchers



## 8. Students, Learning Outcomes & Academic Excellence

**Focus:** *Student Success Redefined for the Digital Era*

**Theme-** The Self-Learning Generation: AI Classrooms, Micro-Credentials & Future Learning

### **We're looking for:**

- Rise of Self-Learning: Are Universities Becoming Optional?
- AI Tutors & Personalized Learning: The Future of Education
- Micro-Credentials vs Degrees: What Will Students Choose?
- Learning Beyond Classrooms: Platforms, Communities & Mentorship
- Redefining Student Success in the Digital Era

<b>Article Type</b>	Evidence-Based Analysis / Program Feature
<b>Word Count</b>	2,000–2,500 words
<b>Ideal Contributors</b>	Student affairs professionals, learning scientists, EdTech innovators, career services directors



## 9. Education, Economy & Global Impact

**Focus:** *Higher Education's Role in National Development*

**Theme-** Education, Defense Funding & the Economics of Power

### We're looking for:

- How Education Drives National Economic Growth
- Defense Funding & R&D: Role of Academia in National Security
- Education as an Investment: ROI for Nations
- Talent Pipelines for Strategic Sectors (AI, Defense, Space)
- India's Path to Becoming a Knowledge Superpower

<b>Article Type</b>	Macro-Level Analysis
<b>Word Count</b>	1,000–1,500 words
<b>Ideal Contributors</b>	Education economists, policy analysts, defense researchers, development experts



## 10. Insights, Reviews & Briefs

**Focus:** *Timely Updates, Expert Commentary & Quick Takes*

**Theme-** AI, EdTech, Defense Tech & Emerging Strategic Trends

### **We're looking for:**

- The Rise of AI in Classrooms: Opportunity or Disruption?
- EdTech Boom: Transformation or Overhype?
- Micro-Credentials & the Future of Certification
- Defense Tech Trends: What Academia Must Know
- Quick Insights: Policy, Technology & Global Shifts

<b>Article Type</b>	Brief / Commentary / Review
<b>Word Count</b>	500–800 words
<b>Ideal Contributors</b>	Subject matter experts, policy analysts, researchers, technology commentators

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## How to Submit Your Article

### Word Count Guidelines

Article Type	Word Count	Notes
Feature Articles	3,500–4,000 words	Data-driven, well-argued
Opinion / Analytical Pieces	1500–2,000 words	Bold, evidence-based
Case Studies / Interviews	2,000–2,500 words	Concrete outcomes & lessons
Insights, Reviews & Briefs	500–800 words	Timely, concise commentary

### What to Include

- Complete manuscript in Word (.docx) or PDF format
- Abstract (200–250 words)
- Author bio (100–150 words) with current position and affiliation
- Professional headshot (minimum 300 DPI)
- 5–7 keywords for indexing
- Supporting visuals (graphs, charts, photos — optional but encouraged)

### Editorial Standards

**Citations:** APA 7th Edition style

**Tone:** Academic yet accessible — write for educated non-specialists

**Evidence:** All factual claims must be supported by credible sources

**Originality:** Original work not previously published or under consideration elsewhere



## Review Process

**Initial Review:** Within 7 business days

**Peer Review:** 2–3 weeks for selected articles

**Revision Period:** 10–14 days

**Publication:** Accepted articles published in the June–July 2026 issue

## Submit Your Article

**Email:** [editorial@ignitedmindstoday.com](mailto:editorial@ignitedmindstoday.com)

**Subject Line:** IMT Submission – [Section & Theme] – [Your Name]

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**Submission Deadline:** [05/06/2026]

## Additional Resources

- Full Contributor Guidelines: Available for download at [www.ignitedmindstoday.com](http://www.ignitedmindstoday.com)
- Sample Articles: Contact us for exemplars from each category
- APA Citation Guide: Available at [apastyle.apa.org](http://apastyle.apa.org)

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and its role in national power, technology, and global capability.*

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