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- Passing of the Indian Institutes of Information Technology Bill, the School of Planning and Architecture Bill that makes these institutions of national importance with powers to award degrees.
- Amendment to the Central University Bill paving the way for a Central University named after Mahatma Gandhi at Motihari in Bihar.
- Launch of the Credit framework for Skills and Education as per the National Skills Qualification framework paving the way for certification of skills through the formal system and allowing for multiple exits and entrance into the education system with scope for vertical and lateral mobility.
- Launch of the Know Your College portal to provide informed decision making opportunity for students along with complete availability of all e-learning resources.
- Launch of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan connecting higher education and society to enable technology and its use for development of rural areas.
- Launch of Global Initiative for Academics Network (GIAN), an initiative to attract the best foreign academics to Indian Universities of Excellence.
- Approval by UGC of the Guidelines for Choice Based Credit Framework, providing for more choices for students to opt for employable courses through a system of flexible credits for foundational, elective and core courses.
- Systematic work on finalizing a ranking and accreditation framework that can be adapted to the Indian system.
- National Consultation Workshop on Skills in Higher Education to assess the success of Community Colleges and Bachelor of Vocational Studies Programmes to make them better.
- Launch of the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya Mission on Teachers and Teaching on 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

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