



# Overview of Nordic Experiences in Higher Education and Research Cooperation in India

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# Recruitment of Indian students

- \* Tuition fees for non-EU students in Sweden, Denmark and soon in Finland
- \* These countries are developing recruitment strategies
- \* Participation in educational fairs
- \* Using recruitment agencies in India
- \* Websites, newspaper ads

# Recruitment

- \* Target group: Indian college students
- \* New harsher visa rules for Indian students going to the USA, UK and Australia
- \* Image of Nordic countries
- \* Indian students know little about Nordic unis
- \* Important: university/program ranking, competitive degree, employability, qualifications of the teaching staff

# Nordic research cooperation with India

- \* Government initiatives for research cooperation through national research agencies
- \* Jointly financed research projects preferred but difficult to materialize
- \* Identification of relevant research partners in India

# Research cooperation

- \* Department of Biotechnology
- \* Department of Science and Technology
- \* Indian Council of Medical Research
- \* Indian Council of Social Sciences Research
- \* TERI - The Energy and Resources Institute

# Areas of research cooperation

- \* Biotechnology
- \* Renewable technology and energy
- \* Health sciences (public health)
- \* Climate research
- \* Social and economic development, local governance, democracy

# Research cooperation

- \* Contacts, continuity and commitment
- \* Easy to sustain research cooperation once you have identified relevant partners
- \* Cultural competence

# Nordic Centre in India (NCI)

- \* NCI identifies potential cooperation partners
- \* Facilitates contacts, research support
- \* Focus areas: environment, public health, Indian studies in the Nordic countries, Nordic Studies in India

# NCI training programs

- \* Short and long term training programs in India for students from NCI member universities
- \* Approaching the Environment in India
- \* Gender, Demography and Reproductive Health
- \* Introduction to India

# Training programs

- \* Fieldwork and Research Methodology
- \* Hindi Study Program
- \* Faculty Development Program
- \* [www.uef.fi/nci](http://www.uef.fi/nci)