Central University forced out of Hungary

For the first time since world war II, the Central European University in Hungary started by noted philanthropist George Soros with the aim to promote values of open society and democracy, has been forced to move its courses to Vienna, Austria. The Hungarian government has refused to re-look into the policy and indicated that the Central European University has failed to comply with the Hungarian Higher Education Regulations. However, critics of the Hungarian government say that the main reason behind this is the rising tide of populist nationalism.

Need to optimise school infrastructure, says Economic Survey

The recently released Economic Survey 2018-2019, calls for greater focus on optimising education infrastructure since the number of school going children has been estimated to decrease by 18.4% between 2021 and 2041. The survey report states the following: “In light of the projected decline in elementary school-going children, the number of schools per capita will rise significantly in India across all major states even if no more schools are added”.

75 % of Children with disabilities don’t attend schools in India

Being a disabled child in India is difficult and is often fraught with logistical, social and economic difficulties resulting in a compromised educational experience. UNESCO’s ‘State of the Education Report for India: Children with Disabilities’ report highlights the existing challenges with regards to the right to education of children with disabilities (CWDs) and states that around three-fourths of disabled children with disabilities at the age of five years and one-fourth between 5-19 years do not go to any educational institution.