

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the India Education Equality Index?

India's **ONLY benchmarking Index** for Measuring LGBT+ Inclusion in Educational Institutions.

IEEI, commencing its study from January 2025, is a game-changer that will enable & empower colleges, and universities to audit, assess, and track their progress on fostering safe, respectful, welcoming and inclusive environments for all students, regardless of their Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression, Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC). It will provide a structured (open & anonymous) framework for institutions to evaluate their current practices, identify areas for improvement, and implement effective strategies to enhance LGBT+ inclusion.

2. On what themes will the institution be evaluated?

Institutions will be evaluated based on **seven key themes** to assess their current practices and identify areas for improvement. These themes include:

1. Inclusive Policies & Practices
2. Campus Environment
3. Faculty/ Staff Inclusion
4. Identity & Expression
5. Academic Inclusion
6. Institutional Commitment
7. Branding & Advocacy

3. What are the benefits for educational institutes to participate in IEEI?

1. **Rise in Credibility:** Enhance your standing with NAAC, NIRF, QS Rankings, and more by demonstrating your commitment to inclusion.
2. **Pioneering Recognition:** Be hailed as a "Pioneering & Inclusive Institution" - showcase your dedication to a welcoming campus for all.
3. **Personalized Guidance:** Unlock tailored insights and actionable recommendations for progress, guided by our expert team.

4. Who can participate in the India Education Equality Index?

The India Education Equality Index is an inclusive initiative **open to all educational institutes in India**.

Recognizing the value of flexibility and transparency, the IEEI offers two participation options:

1. **Anonymous Participation:** Institutions can safeguard their internal data while gaining valuable insights into inclusivity practices.
2. **Open Participation:** Institutions can publicly demonstrate their commitment to inclusivity, garnering recognition from the wider community.

5. Can institutions participate anonymously?

Yes, institutions have the option **to participate** either **anonymously or openly** at the commencement of the Index. If an institution chooses anonymity, they can maintain this status throughout the process. However, if an institution initially opts for anonymity and later decides to go public, they can notify the designated Point of Contact (POC) from the Pride-Ed Team anytime till the survey is ongoing.

Note: Window for coming onboard as an open institute will close after 10 days of the receipt of the personalized report.

Once the institution has chosen to make their participation open, their entry cannot be made anonymous again. It's crucial to note that once an institution opts for openness, their institute logo and campus name will be prominently featured in the IEEI Report. This transparency showcases the commitment and contribution of the institution towards fostering an inclusive environment.

6. Where do institutes specify if they are participating openly or anonymously?

The designated POC from Pride Ed will share the **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** via email once the college confirms their participation in IEEI. Within this MOU, institutes are required to declare their preference for open or anonymous participation. If an institution initially selects anonymous participation and later decides to switch to open participation, they can communicate this change by emailing the designated POC from Pride-Ed.

7. Is there a cost for participation?

No, there is no cost for an educational institute to participate in the India Education Equality Index.

8. What is the timeline for IEEI?

The timeline for IEEI spans several stages:

- **January-March:** Registration & Survey Opens
- **March-May:** Submission Process & Closure
- **June-August:** Results & Report Compilation
- **September:** Awards Ceremony

9. What is the process of participating in IEEI?

Step 1: The institute will send an email confirmation to the designated POC from Pride-Ed, expressing their interest in participating in the IEEI.

Step 2: Upon receiving the confirmation email, the POC will share a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the institution for review and signature.

Step 3: The institute's designated authority will sign the MOU and return it to be countersigned. The POC from Pride-Ed will send a final copy to the institute for their records.

Step 4: Once the MOU is signed, an orientation call with the institute's designated POC is set up. During this call, the Pride-Ed POC will guide the institute through the IEEI Portal and provide instructions on data submission.

Step 5: Following the orientation call, the institute will register on the IEEI portal and notify the POC via email.

Step 6: The registration will be reviewed and approved within 24 hours and the institute will be duly notified.

Step 7: Upon approval, the institute will receive access to the IEEI Portal and can begin filling out the index at their own pace.

Step 8: Once the institute has completed filling out the index, they can submit their entry on the IEEI Portal.

(Submission)

How do I submit to the 2025 Index?

All submissions are created on the IEEI portal. Through the IEEI portal, participants can navigate and complete all seven sections of the Index. There is no requirement to complete the submission in one go; participants can log in and out, save changes, and make amendments as needed before the submission deadline. For collaborative input, login credentials can be shared with relevant team members, allowing them to fill in different sections.

To initiate a submission to the India Education Equality Index, use the sign-up function on the IEEI portal to create an account. Once the account is activated, participants will have the capability to make a submission to the Index, contributing to the evaluation of LGBT+ inclusion in educational institutions.

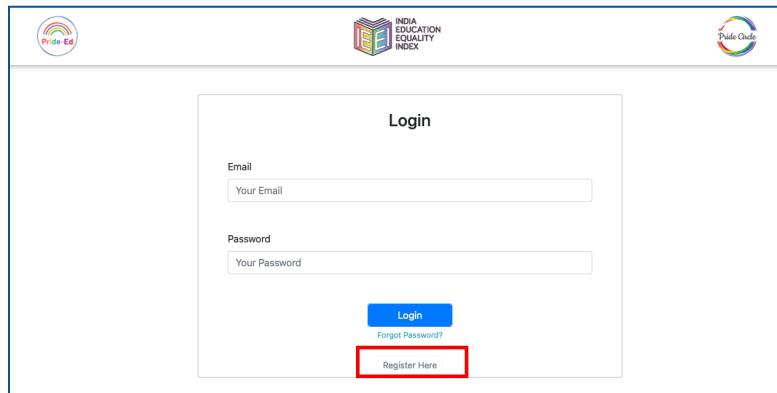
When is the submission deadline?

The submission deadline for the 2025 India Education Equality Index is Sunday, **30th May 2025, midnight IST**. Submissions received after this date will not be reviewed.

Using the IEEI Portal:

How to create an account & make a submission:

- Go to: <https://ieei.thepridecircle.com/>
- Create an account using your work email address.



The screenshot shows the login interface of the IEEI Portal. At the top, there are three logos: the Pride Circle logo on the left, the India Education Equality Index logo in the center, and the Pride Circle logo on the right. The main content area is a white box with a blue border, titled 'Login'. Inside this box, there are two input fields: 'Email' with the placeholder text 'Your Email' and 'Password' with the placeholder text 'Your Password'. Below these fields, there are three buttons: a blue 'Login' button, a blue 'Forgot Password?' link, and a red-bordered 'Register Here' button.

- When signing up for the first time, click on **Register Here**,
- You will see the below form (all fields are mandatory)



Registration

Name of the institution

Campus

City

State

Country

Email

Phone Number

Official Website

Courses Provided

- UG
 PG
 PhD

Category

- STEM
 Non STEM
 Both

Type of College

Contact Information - Person 1

Name

Email

Phone Number

Designation

Contact Information - Person 2

Name

Email

Phone Number

Designation

Login Credentials

Password

Confirm Password

Register

[Login Here](#)

- Once you have filled out the form, click “**Register**”. Remember to save your login credentials.
- You will receive a confirmation email from the Pride-Ed team. Kindly allow at least 24 working hours for this confirmation.
- Once you receive the confirmation email, you can log in to the IEEI Portal using the email address and password created during registration.

Access the IEEI Survey by logging in IEEI portal here: <http://ieei.thepridecircle.com/>

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SECTION 1: Inclusive Policies and Practices

This section comprises three subsections and examines the inclusive policies and practices that educational institutions have in place to support students identifying as a part of the LGBT+ community. The items under the following sections analyze various policies and structures in action to create a safer environment on campus.

NOTE: All evidence provided must be in an Indian context and specific to your educational institution. (Maximum file size to upload: 10 MB. Supported file types: pdf, doc, Docx, Xls, xlsx, gif, jpg, jpeg, png)

- Your Name & Institute Name will appear on the top left corner of the Survey. The Survey is divided into 7 sections, and each section draft can be saved independently. Different team members can log in using the same credentials as the official institute ID to fill different sections of the Survey simultaneously.

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SECTION 7: Campus Environment

This section examines the overall experience on campus, the perception of campus, and the overall institutional action and commitment to equity and inclusion. This section is also your opportunity to tell us about any additional work the educational institution has carried out over the past year.

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Save Draft

Submit Your Answers

Please ensure you have reviewed all the entries before submitting, you cannot edit the entries after submitting

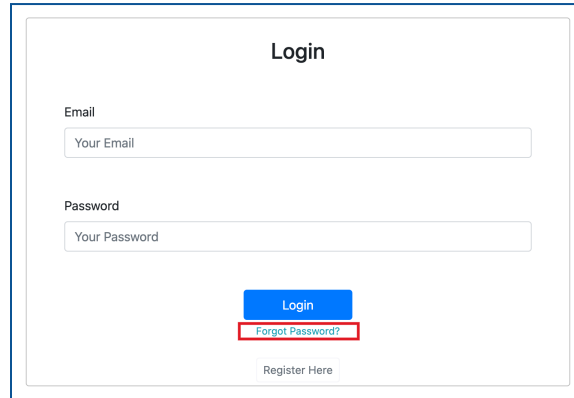
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- Once all sections are complete, you can **submit** the form. The deadline to submit the form is 30th May 2025. Please review all the entries carefully before submitting, as edits cannot be made after submission.

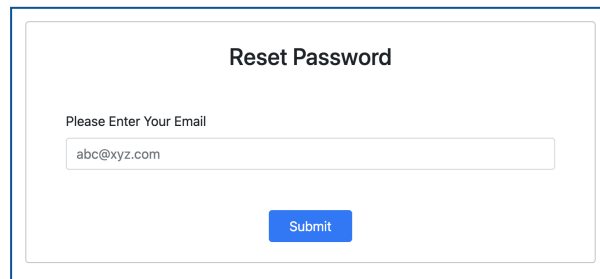
Ensure your institution's comprehensive submission for the India Education Equality Index by adhering to the submission deadline.

I do not remember my password to the IEEI Portal

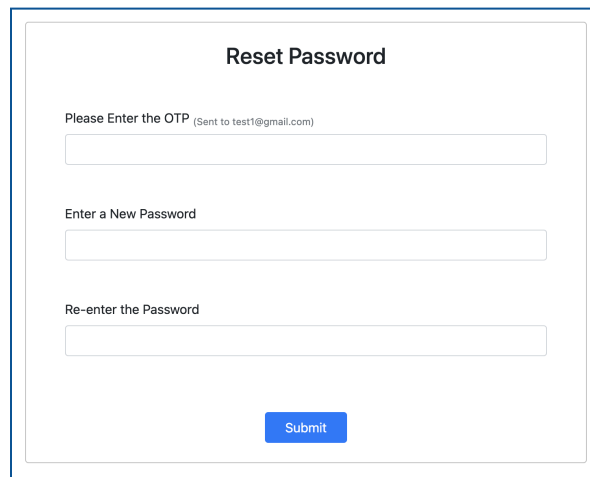
1. Click on Forget Password



2. Then Fill in your registered email ID.



3. An OTP (One-Time Password) will be sent to your inbox. Please note that the email should arrive instantly.



4. Enter the OTP you received and then choose a new password. Confirm the new password by entering it again.
5. Once you have successfully changed your password, you can proceed to login using the new password.

Top tips

- When uploading evidence, please only include or highlight the relevant information.
- When answering questions, please include all relevant information for each question, rather than writing 'see further information under X'.
- The submission will only be completed and sent to us when you press the red 'submit your application' button on the submission overview screen.

For any queries please write to pride-ed@thepridecircle.com.