

Preparing Indian International Students for US Diversity



Identifying potential pitfalls ahead of time so as to create a “safety net” and better respond to Indian students that are adapting to a new environment.

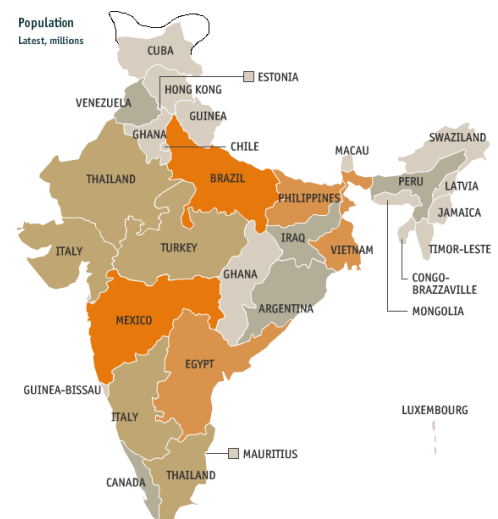
KEY SUGGESTIONS

- 1) Familiarize Indian students with software used in US college labs.
- 2) Assign a “buddy” to each incoming students, someone who can answer their questions and direct them to appropriate resources.
- 3) Help ease Indian students’ anxiety by referring them to appropriate resources on and off campus.
- 4) Encourage Indian students to get involved, such as through the Indian Student Association, Bollywood dance teams, etc.
- 5) Make simple gestures to establish rapport.
- 6) Pronounce their names correctly.
- 7) Acknowledge the possibility that Indian international students may experience culture shock.
- 8) Encourage participation in open discussions forums to get to know their peers.
- 9) Review ethical standards and norms for test taking and plagiarism in the United States, to name a few.
- 10) Listen. Listen. Listen to their needs and experiences



Indian Higher Education System

- * Predominantly Lecture-Based
- * Theory Heavy Coursework
- * Large Classroom Sizes
- * High student to teacher ratio
- * Pre-set coursework for each semester
- * Cohort-based groupings



India's Population Compared to Other Countries