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💡 "Facilities for students" is just one part of the bigger picture. But the real issue lies in the educational and research output of our institutions. 📊

Much like how our Commerce Minister, Piyush Goyal Ji, compared Indian and Chinese startups — can our Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan Ji, consider a comparison of institutional output across countries with similar economic contexts (on a PPP basis)? 🌍

Now, measuring that output is a topic of debate in itself. Many claim that global rankings like QS are unfair due to their subjective criteria. 🎓 The most common explanation given is a lack of funding.

However, I recently came across data showing that about ₹18 lakhs is spent on an IIT Madras student — other institutions, about ₹5–6 lakhs. Is that truly low? Or are we missing something else?

😬 Is funding really the bottleneck? Or is it about:

- Faculty/Student quality?
- Research/Entrepreneurial output?
- Or perhaps, the kind of talent itself — exam-smart vs innovation-driven?

We need to ask:

Are these/said funding-limitations real, or just convenient excuses?

And more importantly — what can we do about it? (myself included) 🙌🙌

Comments? 🙏

See the expenditure data : <https://lnkd.in/dMXRinF3>

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On the left is a picture of a hostel from Carleton University.
On the right is a picture of a hostel from IIT Bombay the most prestigious institute in India.

Adjusted for PPP the fees of both institutes are the same : approx 15 lakhs. IITs receive significant grants on top of it from the government. Not to mention that now they have started selling AI ML courses with the IIT tag.

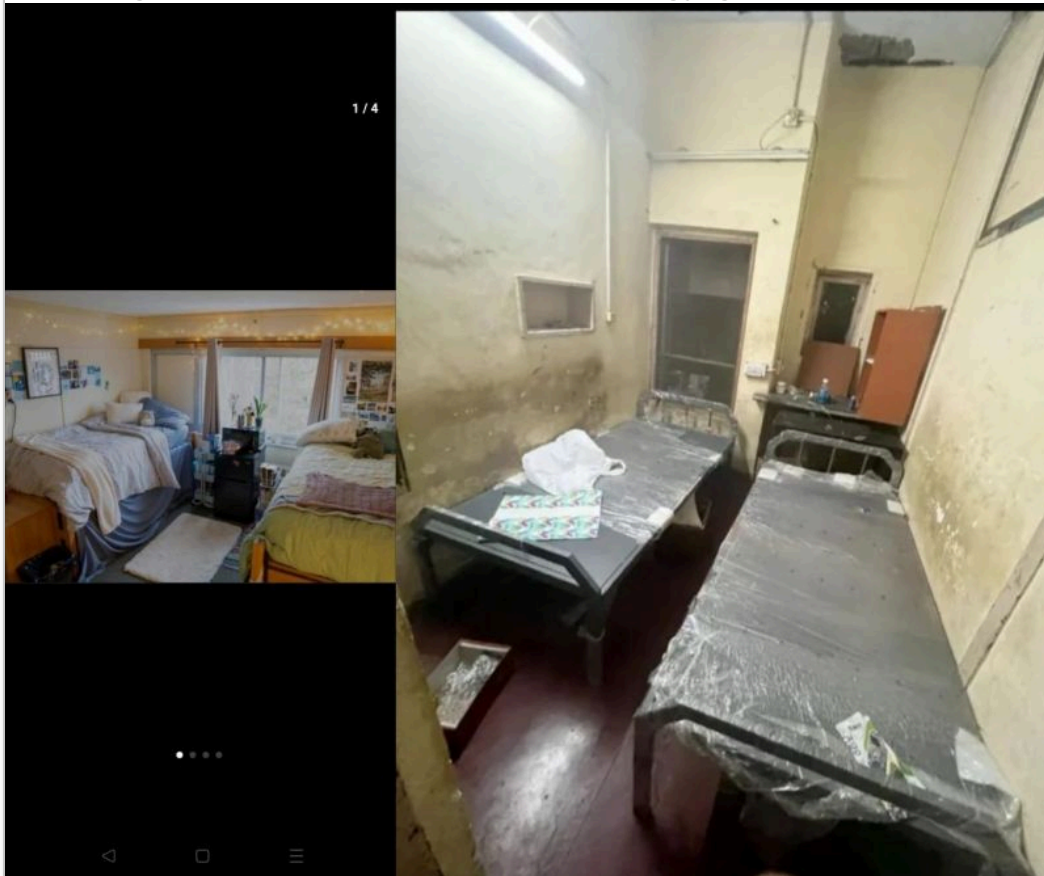
And yet a private self funded random institute has significantly better infrastructure than one of the best institutes in the country. We complain about potholes on the road and poor functioning ITR website but just think about the best minds of the country who have to coop up in these

rooms for 4 years.

The issue is not with high taxes. We need to start questioning how the government handles money be it tax money GST or student fees.

PS : Some IIT Bombay students replied in comments that conditions are even worse with rats and pests. I have aggregated these comment links in my comment.

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