

AVAILABILITY OF FACILITIES IN NIGERIAN PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES: CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

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Abstract

This abstract provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of facilities in Nigerian universities, focusing on the challenges faced and the potential prospects for improvement. Nigerian universities play a pivotal role in the country's education system, serving as centers for academic excellence, research, and knowledge dissemination. However, the availability of adequate facilities within these institutions remains a critical concern. The challenges facing the availability of facilities in Nigerian universities are multifaceted. Insufficient funding, outdated infrastructure, and a rapidly growing student population contribute to the strain on existing resources. The inadequate maintenance of facilities further exacerbates the problem, leading to a decline in the overall quality of education and research output. Despite these challenges, there are promising prospects for addressing the facilities' availability in Nigerian universities. Strategic and sustained investments in infrastructure development, both from the government and private sector, can alleviate the financial constraints hindering facility improvement. Collaborative efforts between universities and industry stakeholders can also facilitate the acquisition of modern equipment and technology, enhancing the overall learning and research experience. Moreover, the integration of innovative solutions, such as public-private partnerships and international collaborations, presents an opportunity to leverage external expertise and resources. Embracing sustainable practices in facility management and adopting cost-effective technologies can contribute to long-term improvements in the availability and quality of university facilities. This abstract concludes by emphasizing the importance of prioritizing the enhancement of facilities in Nigerian universities to ensure a conducive learning environment, foster research excellence, and produce graduates equipped for the challenges of the 21st century. Addressing these challenges and capitalizing on the outlined prospects will ultimately contribute to the overall advancement of higher education in Nigeria.

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Introduction

In recent years, the development of higher education in Nigeria has witnessed a remarkable transformation with the proliferation of private universities. These institutions have emerged as vital contributors to the nation's educational development, offering different academic programs and fostering innovation. However, the availability of facilities in Nigerian private universities remains a critical aspect that demands attention and strategic intervention. Private universities play a pivotal role in catering to the growing demand for tertiary education, providing an alternative to the public university system. Despite their contributions, challenges related to the availability of facilities persist, affecting the overall quality of education and the holistic development of students. This paper seeks to explore the current state of facilities in Nigerian private universities, identify challenges impeding their availability, and propose viable solutions to ensure a conducive learning environment.

The availability of facilities entails a broad spectrum, including but not limited to academic infrastructure, research laboratories, libraries, sports facilities, hostels, and other essential amenities. As private universities strive to compete on a global scale and attract students, the adequacy and quality of these facilities become integral to their

success. Challenges such as inadequate funding, poor infrastructure maintenance, and rapid student enrollment growth pose significant obstacles to the provision of essential facilities. Financial constraints often hinder private universities from investing adequately in state-of-the-art infrastructure and maintaining existing facilities, compromising the overall learning experience for students (Cendy, et al., 2022).

Furthermore, the surge in student enrollment has outpaced the development of infrastructure in many private universities, leading to overcrowded classrooms, inadequate hostel accommodations, and insufficient resources for research and practical training. These challenges not only impact the academic quality but also affect the overall well-being and satisfaction of students. Addressing these challenges requires a multifaceted approach that involves collaboration between university administrators, government bodies, and private sector stakeholders. This paper will delve into potential solutions, including innovative funding models, strategic partnerships with industry players, and policy advocacy to promote a conducive environment for the availability of facilities in Nigerian private universities (Ogunode & Musa, 2020).

Theoretical Framework

The theoretical framework of this study will anchor on some theories of school facilities that relate to the topic under examination. They are the following:

Resource Dependence Theory (RDT)

Resource dependence theory (RDT) was developed by Jeffrey Pfeffer and Gerald R. Salancik. They first introduced the theory in their influential book titled "The External Control of Organizations: A Resource Dependence Perspective," which was published in 1978. Resource dependence theory focuses on how organizations depend on external resources and how the control of these resources influences their behavior and strategies. Resource dependence theory is an interdisciplinary management theory that examines the effect of external resources on the organization, such as suppliers, customers, and other stakeholders. It posits that organizations are solely reliant on the resources they acquire from external sources and thus must manage these resources in order to remain competitive and successful. Resource dependence theory emphasizes the importance of interdependence between organizations and the external environment, highlighting the need for effective management of resources, relationships and strategies to achieve success. It also suggests that organizations should strive to develop adaptive capabilities to deal with changes in the external environment (Anderson et al., 2021; Ozturk, 2021).

This theory suggests that organizations, including universities, are dependent on external resources to survive and thrive. In the context of university facilities, it implies that the availability of resources (financial, physical, and human) directly influences the quality and quantity of facilities. Resource Dependence Theory could be applied to understand how universities depend on external resources such as funding, government support, student enrollment, and partnerships with industries. The theory helps analyze how universities strategically manage these dependencies to ensure their continued operation and success in fulfilling their educational mission.

Relevance of Resource Dependence theory to the availability of facilities in universities

1. **Financial Resources for Facilities:** Universities heavily depend on financial resources to build, maintain, and upgrade facilities. Resource dependence theory emphasizes that organizations seek to secure financial resources to ensure their survival and success. In the context of universities, this means that the availability and quality of facilities are often contingent on the financial resources available to the institution. Universities may engage in fundraising or establish partnerships to secure the necessary financial resources for facility development.

2. **Government Support and Policies:** Resource dependence theory recognizes the influence of the external environment, including government agencies, on organizational behavior. Universities often depend on government support and adherence to policies that can affect the availability of facilities. Changes in government funding, regulations, or priorities can impact a university's ability to invest in and maintain facilities.
3. **Student Enrollment and Tuition Revenue:** The number of students enrolled in a university and the revenue generated through tuition are crucial resources. These resources are often used to fund various aspects of the university, including the construction and maintenance of facilities. This theory suggests that universities may strategically plan facility development based on projections of student enrollment and tuition revenue to ensure they have the necessary resources to support the infrastructure.
4. **Partnerships and Collaborations:** Universities may enter into partnerships and collaborations with external organizations, such as industry partners or research institutions, to enhance their resource base. These collaborations can bring in additional resources that may be used to improve or expand facilities. Resource dependence theory highlights the strategic importance of such alliances in managing resource dependencies and acquiring the necessary support for facility-related initiatives.
5. **Competitive Pressures:** Resource dependence theory acknowledges the competitive nature of resource acquisition. In the context of universities, there is often competition for top faculty, students, and research opportunities. To attract and retain these resources, universities may invest in state-of-the-art facilities. The availability of modern and well-equipped facilities can be a competitive advantage in attracting students and faculty.
6. **Philanthropy and Alumni Relations:** Resource dependence theory recognizes the role of relationships with external entities, including alumni and philanthropic organizations. Universities may rely on donations and support from alumni and philanthropic sources to fund facility projects. Building and maintaining strong relationships with these external stakeholders become critical in managing resource dependencies for facility development.

Institutional Theory

Institutional Theory is based on the notion that, in order to survive, organizations need to convince their public that they are legitimate entities that deserve support (Meyer & Rowan, 1991). To gain this legitimacy, organizations create perpetual symbols, ceremonial activities and stories. Institutional theory provides an account of the growth and structure of the academic and state research sectors, as successful organizations in industrialized nations operate as models far from their original contexts. For example, a national education system can be seen as an institution (maybe you have heard the phrase 'institution of education') because it has norms, a social structure, rules of governance, policies, etc., that can shape action and thinking in local school organizations. Institutional theorists assert that the institutional environment can strongly influence the development of formal structures in an organization, often more profoundly than market pressures (Arakpogun, et al., 2023; Bamfo, et al., 2023).

Relevance of Institutional Theory to Availability of Facilities in Universities

Institutional theory can be relevant in understanding the availability of facilities in private universities in Nigeria. Institutional theory focuses on the impact of social institutions, norms, and values on organizational behavior. In the context of private universities in Nigeria, several aspects of institutional theory can be considered:

1. **Regulatory Environment:** Institutional theory suggests that organizations conform to external expectations and norms. In the case of private universities in Nigeria, the regulatory environment, including government policies and accreditation requirements, can influence the availability of facilities. Compliance with regulations may lead universities to invest in specific facilities to meet standards.

2. **Norms and Values:** The institutional environment shapes the norms and values that guide organizational behavior. In private universities, societal expectations and values related to education may influence the prioritization of certain facilities. For example, a focus on research and technology may lead to investments in state-of-the-art laboratories.
3. **Legitimacy and Isomorphism:** Institutional theory argues that organizations seek legitimacy and may adopt structures and practices that are considered legitimate in their environment. In the context of private universities, the availability of facilities may be influenced by the desire to be perceived as legitimate and on par with global educational standards.
4. **Resource Dependence:** Private universities depend on various resources, including financial, human, and physical resources. Institutional theory suggests that organizations seek to manage resource dependencies. Private universities may invest in facilities to attract students, faculty, and funding, enhancing their competitiveness in the higher education sector.
5. **Organizational Mimicry:** Institutional theory introduces the concept of mimetic behavior, where organizations imitate the practices of successful peers. In the case of private universities, if certain facilities are seen as essential for success or prestige, other institutions may mimic those investments to maintain competitiveness and legitimacy.
6. **Institutional Entrepreneurship:** Institutions can be influenced by entrepreneurial actors within organizations. Leaders of private universities may engage in institutional entrepreneurship, advocating for the development of specific facilities to differentiate their institutions and gain a competitive edge.
7. **Competitive Dynamics:** Private universities in Nigeria may face competition for students and resources. Institutional theory suggests that organizations imitate successful practices to gain a competitive advantage. The availability of facilities, such as modern classrooms, laboratories, and recreational areas, can be a strategic move to attract students and faculty. In summary, institutional theory provides a framework for understanding how external pressures, societal norms, and regulatory environments influence the decisions and behaviors of private universities in Nigeria. The availability of facilities in these institutions can be seen as a response to institutional pressures to gain legitimacy, adhere to norms, and compete effectively in the higher education sector.

Concept of School Facilities

School facilities refer to the physical infrastructure, amenities, and resources provided by educational institutions to support the learning environment and overall well-being of students, educators, and staff. These facilities play a vital role in shaping the educational experience and contributing to the general development of individuals. School facilities create a conducive atmosphere for effective teaching and learning. Well-designed classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and educational technology contribute to a positive learning environment. They facilitate engagement, collaboration, and interactive learning experiences. School facilities are designed to ensure the safety and security of everyone on campus. This includes measures such as well-maintained buildings, emergency response systems, and secure access points. A safe environment promotes a sense of well-being, allowing students and staff to focus on education without unnecessary concerns (Livala, et al, 2021: Nurabadi, et al., 2021). The layout and amenities of school facilities contribute to the physical and mental well-being of individuals. Spaces for physical activities, sports facilities, and recreational areas encourage a healthy lifestyle and support the overall well-being of students. Additionally, well-designed common areas and outdoor spaces can provide opportunities for relaxation and social interaction. Modern school facilities are equipped with advanced technologies that enhance the educational experience. This includes computer labs, smart classrooms, and high-speed internet access. Integrating technology into the learning environment prepares students for the digital age and helps them develop essential skills for the future (Cendy, et al., 2022).

School facilities serve as hubs for community engagement and interaction. Auditoriums, meeting rooms, and community spaces provide venues for events, parent-teacher conferences, and collaborative initiatives. This fosters a sense of community and strengthens the relationship between the school and its surrounding neighborhoods. Adequate school facilities ensure access to essential educational resources. This includes well-stocked libraries, research materials, and specialized equipment for various subjects. Resource accessibility is fundamental to promoting comprehensive and effective learning experiences. School facilities should be designed to be inclusive and accessible to all students, including those with disabilities. This involves considerations such as ramps, elevators, and other accommodations to ensure that everyone can participate fully in educational activities. In summary, the background meaning of school facilities extends beyond physical structures; it encompasses the intentional design and provision of resources that contribute to a positive, safe, and inclusive learning environment for all members of the educational community (Nhlapo, 2020).

Concept of University Education

According to Solomon et al., (2022), university education serves as a critical pillar of higher education and plays a key role in shaping individuals' academic, professional, and personal development. Universities serve diverse purposes, including providing advanced education, conducting research, fostering critical thinking, and preparing individuals for professional careers. They aim to impart specialized knowledge, skills, and values while encouraging intellectual growth, innovation, and societal contributions.

Universities offer a broad array of academic programs, spanning disciplines such as sciences, humanities, social sciences, engineering, business, medicine, law, arts, and more. These programs are structured into undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate levels, culminating in degrees like bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. Universities are hubs for research and innovation, conducting studies across various fields, contributing to scientific advancements, technological innovations, social sciences, humanities, and more. Research conducted within universities often leads to groundbreaking discoveries, publications, patents, and technological advancements that benefit society. Universities employ qualified faculty members, experts in their respective fields, who impart knowledge, mentor students, and engage in research activities. These professors and researchers contribute significantly to the academic reputation and intellectual capital of the institution. Beyond academics, universities offer a vibrant campus life that includes extracurricular activities, student clubs, sports, cultural events, and community engagement initiatives (Ogunode & Musa, 2020).

These activities foster holistic development, leadership skills, teamwork, and a sense of social responsibility among students. In today's interconnected world, universities often engage in international collaborations, exchange programs, and partnerships with other institutions globally. This collaboration facilitates the exchange of knowledge, cultural understanding, and academic opportunities for both faculty and students. Universities face various challenges, including funding constraints, accessibility, evolving technology, ensuring inclusivity, adapting to changing job markets, and meeting the demands for diverse skill sets. Adapting to these challenges requires innovative teaching methods, flexible curricula, and a focus on lifelong learning. University education significantly impacts society by producing skilled professionals, fostering critical thinking, promoting cultural understanding, driving economic growth through innovation, and addressing societal challenges through research and community engagement. In summary, university education stands as a cornerstone of higher learning, providing a platform for academic exploration, research, skill development, and societal impact. It continues to evolve to meet the demands of a rapidly changing world while striving to maintain academic excellence and contribute to the advancement of knowledge and human development (Ogunode, et al., 2023).

Private Universities in Nigeria

Nigerian Private Universities emerged as a response to the increasing demand for higher education due to limited spaces in public universities and a desire for alternative educational models. Private universities in Nigeria started cropping up in the 1990s as a solution to the challenges faced by the public education system. The first private university in Nigeria, Igbinedion University, was established in 1999. Since then, there has been significant growth in the number of private universities across the country. The National Universities Commission (NUC) is responsible for regulating and accrediting both public and private universities in Nigeria. Private universities must meet certain standards and criteria set by the NUC to ensure quality education. Unlike public universities funded by the government, private universities in Nigeria are typically owned and managed by individuals, religious organizations, corporate bodies, or foundations. These entities provide the necessary funding for infrastructure, faculty salaries, research, and other operational expenses (Ishola, et al., 2020). Nigerian private universities offer a wide range of programs across various fields such as sciences, arts, social sciences, engineering, business, law, medicine, and more. They strive to provide quality education comparable to that of established public institutions. Many private universities in Nigeria emphasize smaller class sizes, modern teaching methodologies, updated curricula, and infrastructure to ensure a high standard of education. They often prioritize providing a conducive learning environment and fostering holistic development among students. Private universities face several challenges, including financial sustainability, maintaining academic standards, access to research funding, and ensuring affordability while providing quality education. They also encounter competition from public universities and issues related to perception and accreditation. Despite the challenges, private universities have made significant contributions to the educational landscape in Nigeria. They have expanded access to higher education, alleviated overcrowding in public institutions, introduced innovative teaching methods, and contributed to research and knowledge creation (Olaleye, 2020).

Over time, certain private universities have gained recognition for their academic excellence, producing graduates who compete favorably in various fields both nationally and internationally. These institutions have contributed to shaping the educational narrative in Nigeria. Private universities play a pivotal role in addressing the educational needs of Nigeria, producing skilled graduates equipped to contribute to the country's socio-economic development and addressing industry-specific demands. Nigerian Private Universities have emerged as vital players in the higher education sector, offering alternatives and contributing to the educational development of the country. They continue to evolve, facing challenges while striving to maintain quality education standards and contribute significantly to the nation's growth.

Categories of Available Facilities in Nigerian Private Universities

In Nigerian private universities, various categories of facilities cater for the different needs of students, researchers, and administrative staff. These facilities are essential for academic excellence, research advancements, student well-being, and the overall functioning of the institutions (Eze, et al., 2020; Ayedun, et al., 202).

1. **Academic Facilities:** Academic facilities in Nigerian private universities are designed to meet the different educational needs while aligning with global standards of excellence. Nigerian private universities emphasize modern infrastructure with well-equipped classrooms, laboratories, libraries, and administrative buildings. These facilities are designed to facilitate effective teaching, learning, and research. Integration of advanced technology such as smart classrooms, high-speed internet, and e-learning platforms to enhance the educational experience and prepare students for the digital age. Facilities dedicated to various scientific disciplines including biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, and technology, providing hands-on experience for practical learning and research. Well-designed classrooms, lecture halls, and seminar rooms equipped with modern teaching aids, fostering interactive learning and engagement between faculty and students (Hanaysha, et al., 2023).

2. **Research Facilities:** Research facilities in Nigerian private universities are undergoing significant development, contributing to the advancement of knowledge, innovation, and societal progress. As these institutions continue to invest in research infrastructure and foster a research-oriented culture, they play an increasingly crucial role in Nigeria's academic and socio-economic development. Dedicated facilities for specialized research in fields like medicine, agriculture, technology, social sciences, and humanities. Agricultural and scientific research centers equipped for fieldwork, experimentation, and data collection. Infrastructure to support computational research, data analysis, and storage for various research projects. Research facilities in play an important role in advancing knowledge, innovation, and addressing societal challenges.
3. **Student Facilities:** Nigerian Private Universities offer a range of student facilities and services designed to enhance the overall educational experience. These facilities aim to provide students with a supportive and enriching environment conducive to learning, personal growth, and holistic development. Residential facilities providing housing for students, often with various amenities like common rooms, study areas, and recreational spaces. Spaces for student government, clubs, associations, and extracurricular activities fostering social interaction and leadership development. Gymnasiums, fields, courts, and tracks for sporting activities to promote physical fitness and well-being among students (Zakaria, et al., 2020).
4. **Administrative Facilities:** administrative facilities within Nigerian Private Universities are multifaceted, encompassing various departments and functions crucial for the effective management and functioning of these institutions. They play a pivotal role in supporting academic excellence, maintaining operational efficiency, and contributing to the overall success of the university. Offices for administrative staff, registrar, finance, and other administrative functions. Large spaces for events, seminars, conferences, and cultural activities. Residential quarters for faculty and staff members (Ahmad, 2021).
5. **Health and Welfare Facilities:** Health and welfare facilities in Nigerian Private Universities play a crucial role in ensuring the overall well-being of the university community. By providing accessible healthcare services, promoting wellness, and offering support systems, these facilities contribute to creating a conducive environment for learning, growth, and academic success. Medical facilities providing basic healthcare services, clinics, and counseling services for students and staff. Eating facilities offering a variety of meals to cater for the diverse student population. Psychological and career counseling services to support students' mental health and academic development (Dayanti, et al., 2021).
6. **Technological Facilities:** Technological facilities in Nigerian Private Universities are an integral part of the academic ecosystem. They aim to create an environment conducive to learning, innovation, and research, preparing students to excel in a technology-driven world while contributing to technological advancements and societal development. Facilities with computer labs, high-speed internet, and technical support for students and faculty. Spaces to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, and incubate startups among students (Ansari, et al., 2022).
7. **Infrastructure Facilities:** Infrastructural development in Nigerian Private Universities plays a key role in providing quality education, enhancing the overall student experience, attracting talent, and contributing to the institutions' academic reputation and growth. Efforts in this area continue to evolve to meet the demands of a rapidly growing educational structure in Nigeria. Infrastructure for reliable power supply, water, sewage, and waste management systems. Shuttle services, parking lots, and bike racks for students and staff. These facilities collectively contribute to creating an environment conducive to learning, research, innovation, and holistic development within Nigerian universities. The availability and quality of these facilities significantly impact the overall educational experience and the institution's reputation (Gulua, 2020).

Challenges Facing Private Universities in Nigeria

According to Ishola, et al., (2020) and Solomon, et al., (2020), private universities are faced with some challenges which may stem from various factors, like economic, regulatory, and institutional issues. There may also be some challenges such as financial sustainability, competition for students, and the need to balance profit-making with educational quality. Regulatory issues and accreditation processes also influence the operations of private higher education institutions.

1. **Financial Constraints:** Many private universities in Nigeria are faced with financial challenges that can limit their ability to invest in and maintain facilities. Insufficient funds may hinder the construction of new buildings, maintenance of existing structures, and procurement of modern equipment.
2. **High Operating Costs:** Private universities often have higher operating costs compared to public institutions. These costs include salaries for faculty and staff, utility bills, and maintenance expenses. The need to cover these costs can divert resources away from facility development and upgrades.
3. **Infrastructure Deficit:** Some private universities may struggle with an initial lack of basic infrastructure, such as roads, electricity, and water supply. Without a robust infrastructure, the development and maintenance of facilities become more challenging.
4. **Limited Access to Funding Sources:** Unlike public universities that may have access to government funding, private universities rely on tuition fees and other sources of revenue. Limited access to diverse funding sources can constrain their ability to invest in facilities.
5. **Regulatory Compliance and Accreditation Challenges:** Private universities must comply with government regulations and accreditation standards, which may include specific requirements for facilities. Meeting these standards can be a complex and expensive process, impacting the availability of necessary facilities.
6. **Enrollment Challenges:** Fluctuations in student enrollment can affect the financial stability of private universities. Low or unpredictable student enrollment can limit the funds available for facility development and maintenance.

Way Forward on Availability of Facilities in Private Universities in Nigeria

Addressing the challenges associated with the availability of facilities in private universities in Nigeria requires a comprehensive, multi-faceted strategy that emphasizes collaboration, strategic planning, and innovative resource mobilization (Jacob et al., 2020; Ogunode & Musa, 2020; Musa et al., 2020). The following strategies provide a roadmap for enhancing infrastructure and optimizing existing facilities:

1. **Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs):** Private universities can leverage partnerships with government agencies and other stakeholders to pool resources, share expertise, and co-develop infrastructure. Such partnerships can be incentivized through tax benefits, infrastructural grants, or recognition programs. By engaging in PPPs, private universities can gain access to expertise in project management, engineering, and maintenance while reducing the financial burden of facility expansion. Moreover, collaborative projects can address national educational goals while ensuring sustainable infrastructure growth.
2. **Government Support:** The role of the government is pivotal in ensuring that private universities have access to financial and regulatory support. Governments can offer financial assistance through grants, low-interest loans, or matching funds specifically aimed at facility development. Additionally, policy reforms that simplify the acquisition of construction permits, reduce bureaucratic bottlenecks, and streamline licensing processes will facilitate timely infrastructure expansion. Such support ensures that private universities can focus on quality education while maintaining adequate facilities.

3. **Industry Collaboration:** Private universities should actively seek partnerships with industries and professional organizations that have a vested interest in education. Industries can provide funding, technical expertise, and equipment for laboratories, workshops, or specialized training centers. Establishing advisory boards comprising industry representatives can guide universities in designing and upgrading facilities that align with current and future industry requirements. This approach ensures graduates are well-equipped with practical skills while facilities remain relevant to evolving professional demands.
4. **Research and Development Grants:** Promoting research within private universities is essential for fostering innovation and improving educational infrastructure. Governments, private foundations, and international agencies should provide grants and incentives for research projects, particularly those that contribute to national development and technological advancement. Allocating specific funds for the enhancement of research facilities, such as laboratories, libraries, and innovation hubs, will not only improve educational quality but also attract academic talent and increase the institution's visibility and competitiveness.
5. **Technology Integration:** Investing in technology is a critical strategy for maximizing the utility of existing facilities and reducing pressure on physical infrastructure. Private universities should integrate e-learning platforms, virtual laboratories, and digital resource centers to facilitate distance learning and blended teaching models. This approach allows institutions to accommodate more students without the immediate need for additional physical classrooms. Moreover, technology can improve operational efficiency through smart facility management systems that monitor space utilization, energy consumption, and maintenance schedules.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the availability of facilities in private universities in Nigeria presents a complex challenge that demands comprehensive and collaborative solutions. The identified challenges, ranging from limited financial resources to inadequate infrastructure planning, underscore the urgency for strategic interventions. However, a proactive and multi-stakeholder approach offers a promising way forward. To address these challenges, fostering public-private partnerships and garnering government support are pivotal. By incentivizing collaboration between private universities and governmental bodies, resources can be pooled to alleviate the financial burden on these institutions. Additionally, industry collaboration and technology integration can modernize facilities, making them more efficient and adaptable to the evolving needs of education. Strategic planning, both at the institutional and governmental levels, plays a crucial role. Long-term visions, backed by clear policies and financial commitments, are essential for sustained development. Quality assurance measures should be implemented to ensure that the facilities meet acceptable standards, contributing to an enriched learning environment. Capacity building and community engagement initiatives empower private universities to manage their facilities effectively and foster a sense of communal responsibility. Lastly, increased investments in education, both from the public and private sectors, are imperative for sustaining the momentum of facility development. In essence, overcoming the challenges associated with the availability of facilities in private universities requires a synergistic effort. Through a combination of strategic planning, financial support, technological innovation, and collaborative partnerships, it is possible to enhance the quality of education and infrastructure in private universities, ultimately contributing to the advancement of the nation's educational landscape.

Suggestions

1. Private universities should actively seek partnerships with government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private investors to access additional funding and technical expertise for facility development.

2. Universities should develop long-term infrastructural plans, incorporating needs assessments, budgeting forecasts, and contingency strategies to ensure sustainable development of facilities.
3. Adoption of modern educational technologies and smart infrastructure solutions can improve efficiency, accessibility, and adaptability of university facilities.
4. Collaborations with industries can provide financial sponsorship, technical know-how, and opportunities for practical learning spaces, bridging the gap between academic and professional needs.
5. Regular audits, facility assessments, and adherence to national and international standards should be prioritized to maintain high-quality learning environments.

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