

Presentation to the Reforms Committee

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Historic Opportunity

- First reforms committee after New Education Policy
- First committee after the tectonic shift in education due to COVID19
- Reporting to a Government in its second term with renewed mandated and increased popular support
- Now is the time to give truly game changing recommendations
- Don't second guess what will work in Kerala, say what will get Kerala to the top

History is always a good guide

- There has been committees and reports in the past
- But most reports have stayed in the shelf
- Improvements in the higher education system has been marginal
- Some reflection on why things did not work in the past is always useful

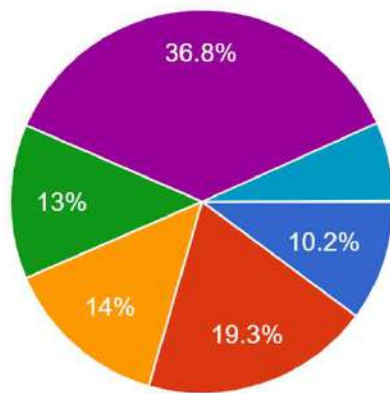
Education has changed

- COVID19 has fundamentally changed education
 - Online is now mainstream
 - Hybrid will be the new norm
 - Online Educational Platforms such as Coursea will gain global acceptance
 - Student will be autonomous
 - Universities will focus on knowledge creation
 - Long term degree programmes less attractive
- Kerala is into segmentation of universities
- We must only have ONE university, maximum autonomy, maximum flexibility

Feedback from Malayalee diaspora

- Google form
- Targetting Malayalee diaspora across the world
- Asked to comment on good practices observed elsewhere
- Also open ended questions to receive feedback
- 909 answers from over 40 countries'
- 120 + PhDs
- 175 + Faculty members

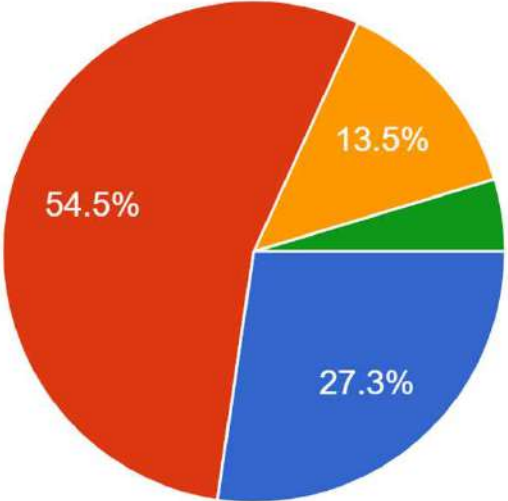
Profession
906 responses



- Student
- Faculty
- Researcher
- Consultant
- Others
- Currently unemployed
- Employed

Highest level of education

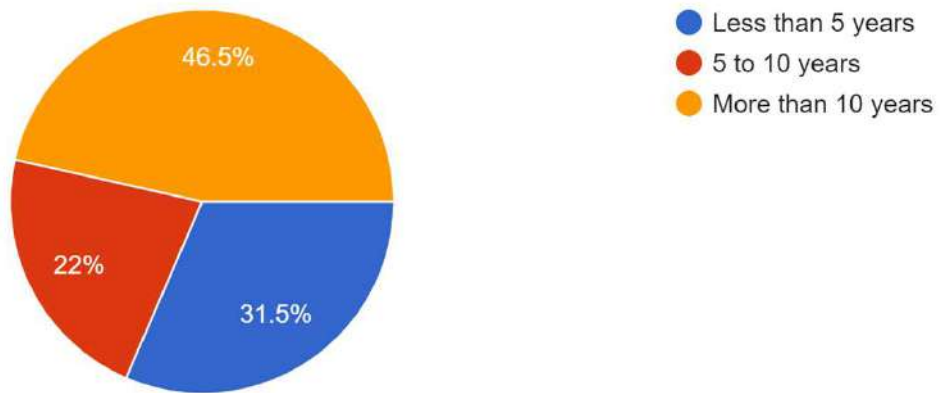
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- Bachelors
- Masters
- PhD
- Post-doctoral r

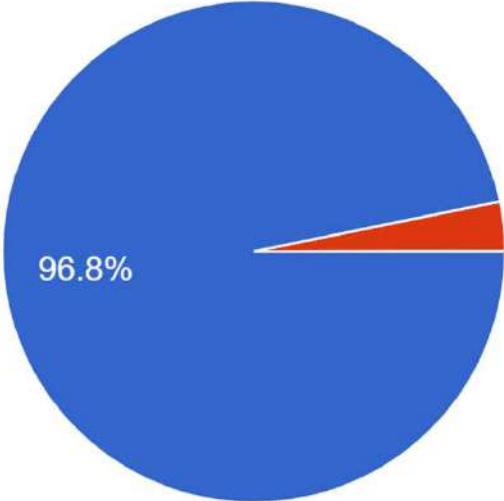
Years of professional experience

880 responses



Did you study in Kerala ?

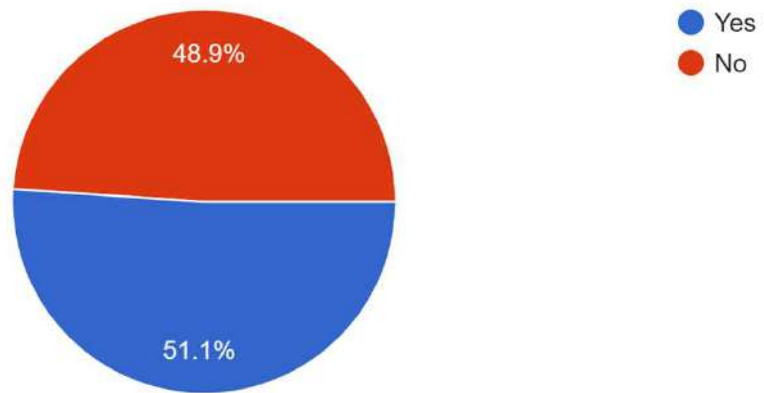
903 responses



- Yes
- No

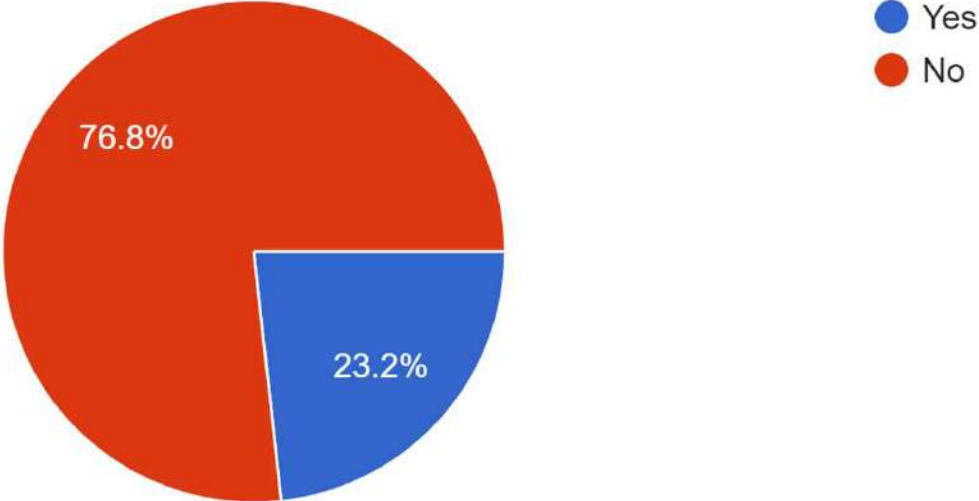
Did you study outside Kerala (in India) ?

903 responses

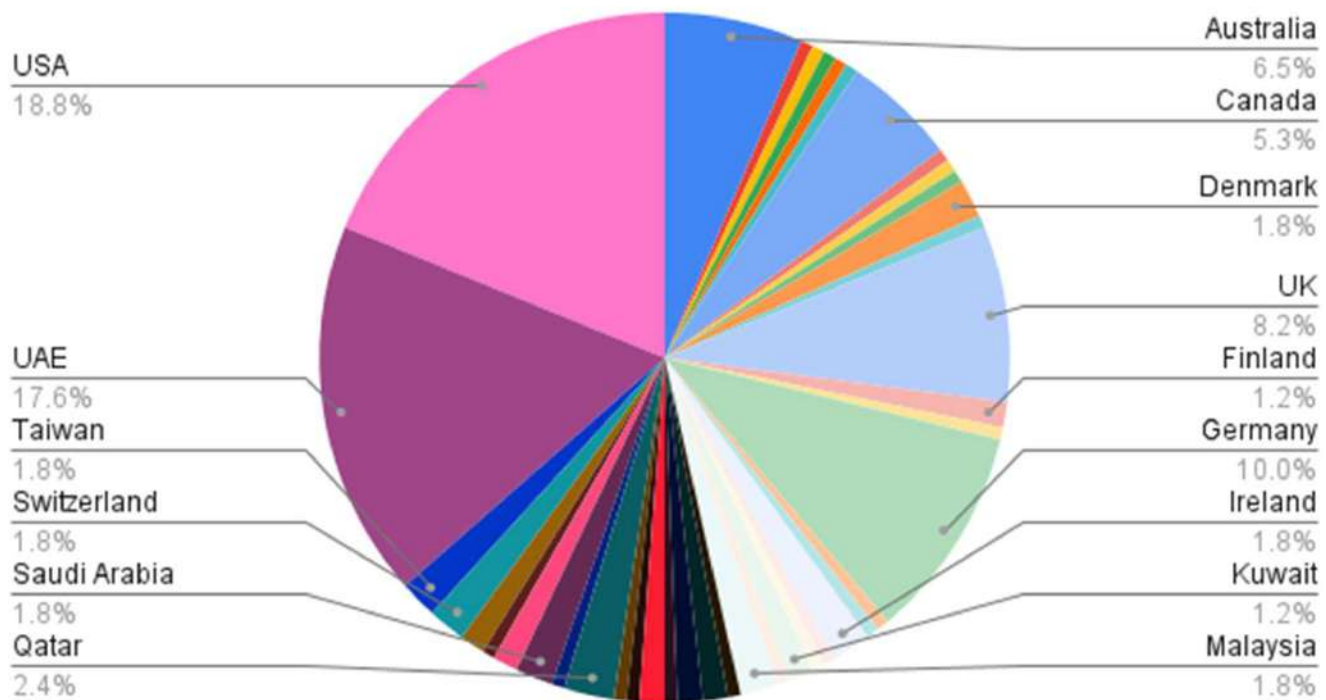


Did you study abroad ?

899 responses

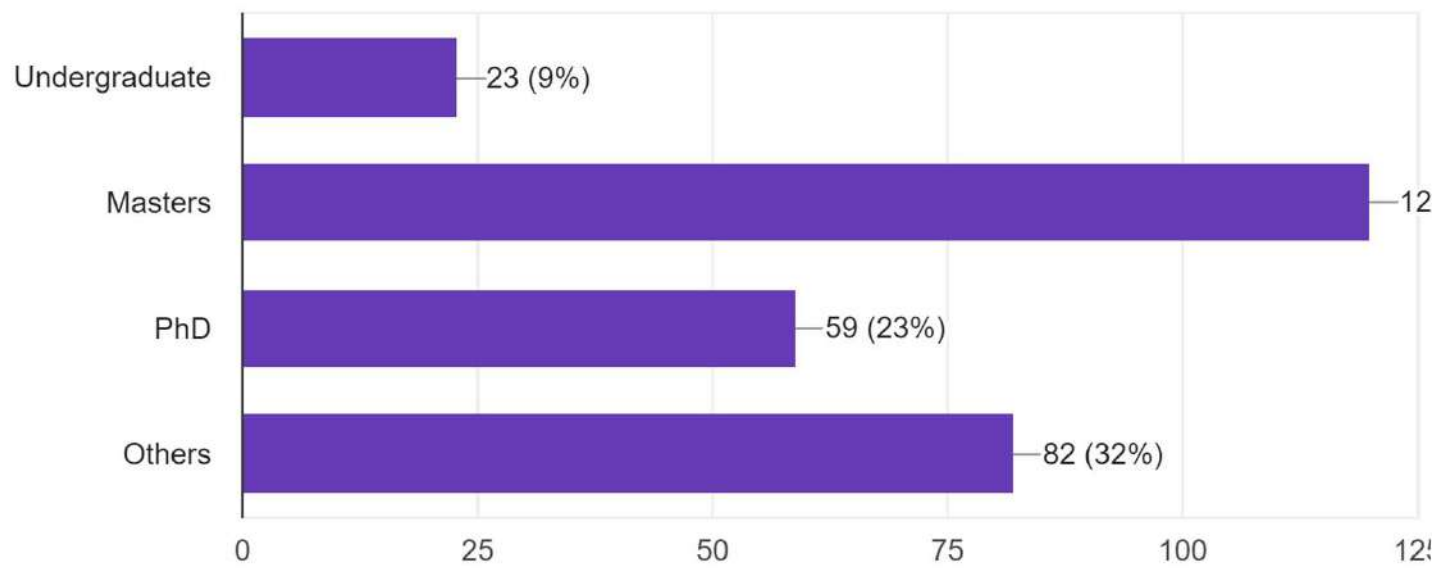


Count of Country of Higher Education



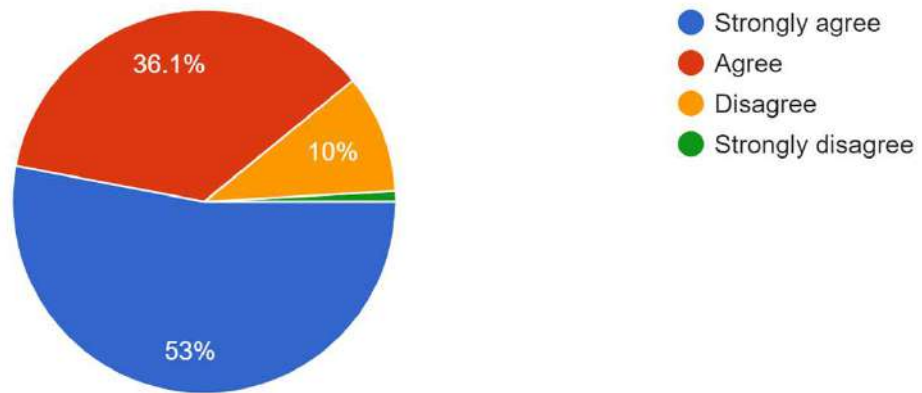
yes, which course?

56 responses



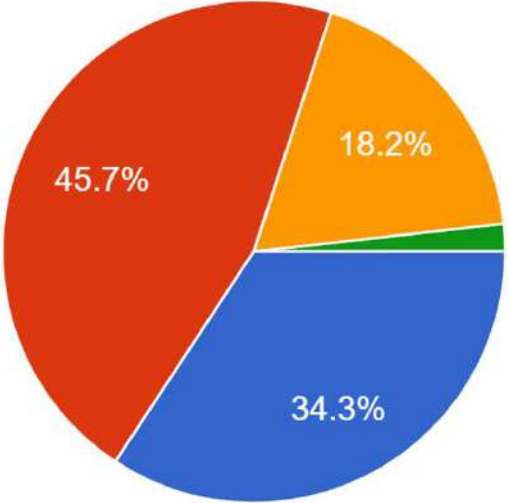
Curriculum is not up-to-date

900 responses



Teaching quality is not high

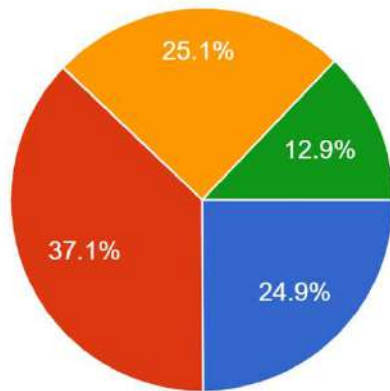
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Campus politics

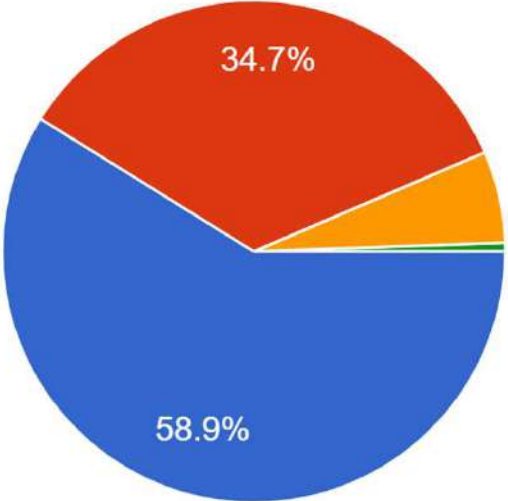
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Lack of research facilities

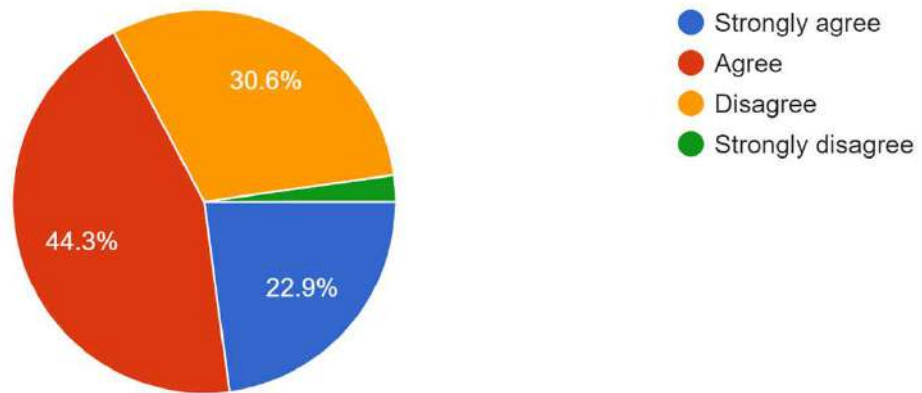
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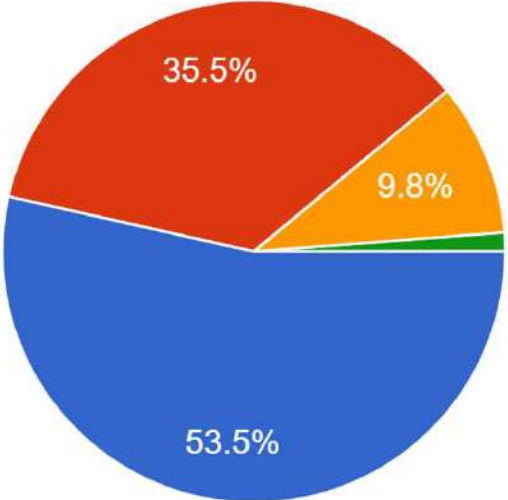
Lack of library facilities

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Lack of sufficient emphasis on language training

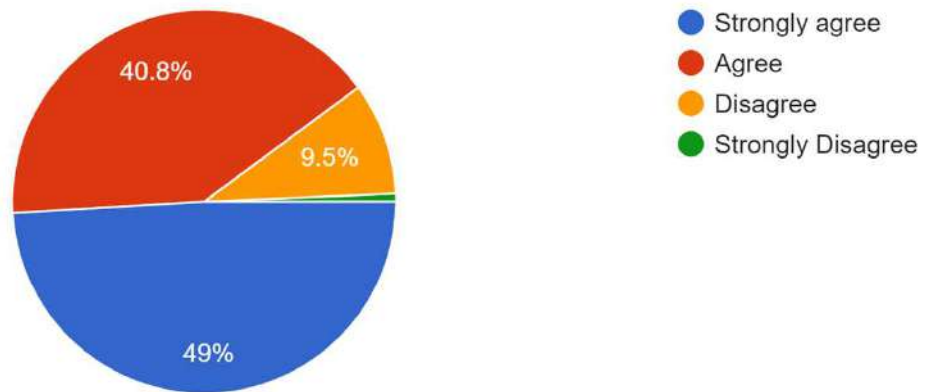
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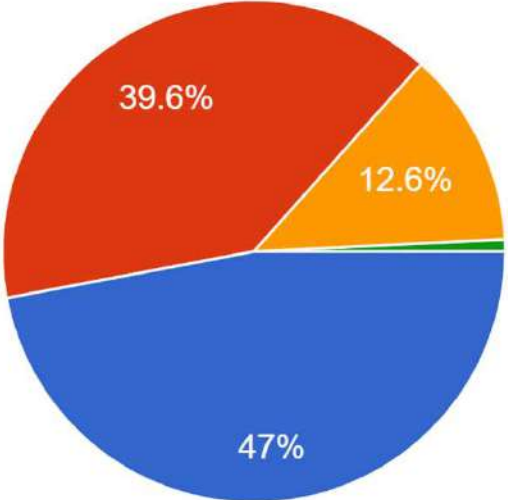
Shortage of electives

887 responses



Not enough students from other states/countries

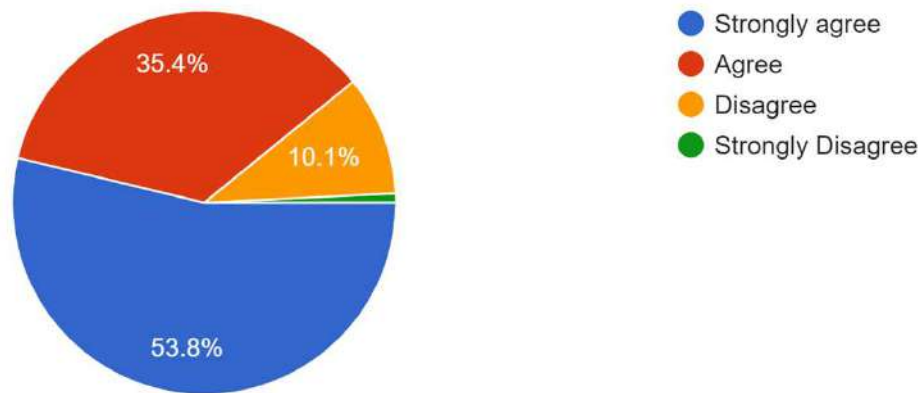
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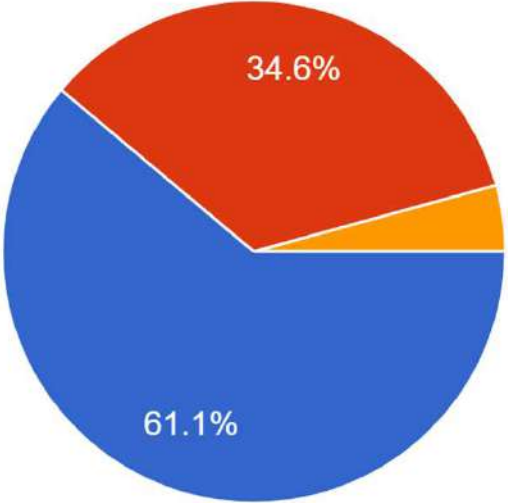
Not enough opportunity travel outside the state for conferences

893 responses



Not enough faculty exchange programmes

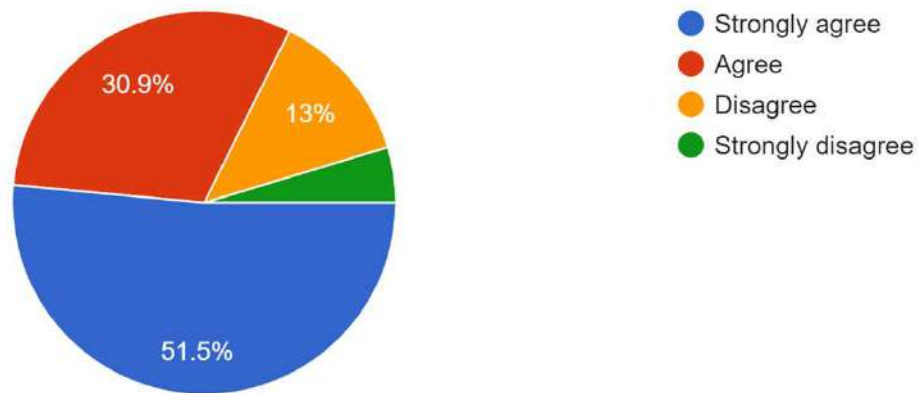
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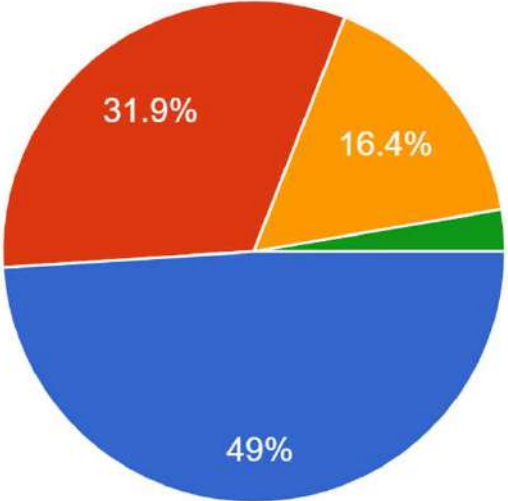
Politicization of university senate and syndicate

878 responses



Delay in conducting examinations

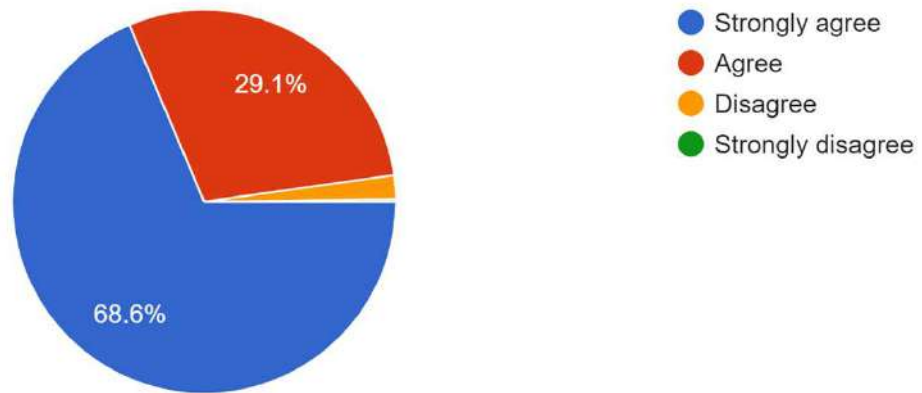
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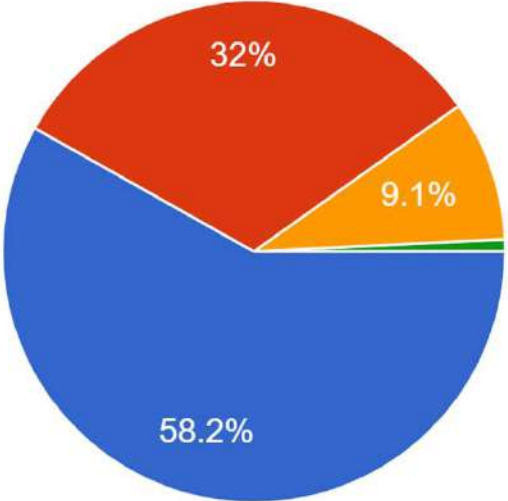
Increase flexibility in choice of courses

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Make it possible to move from one university to another

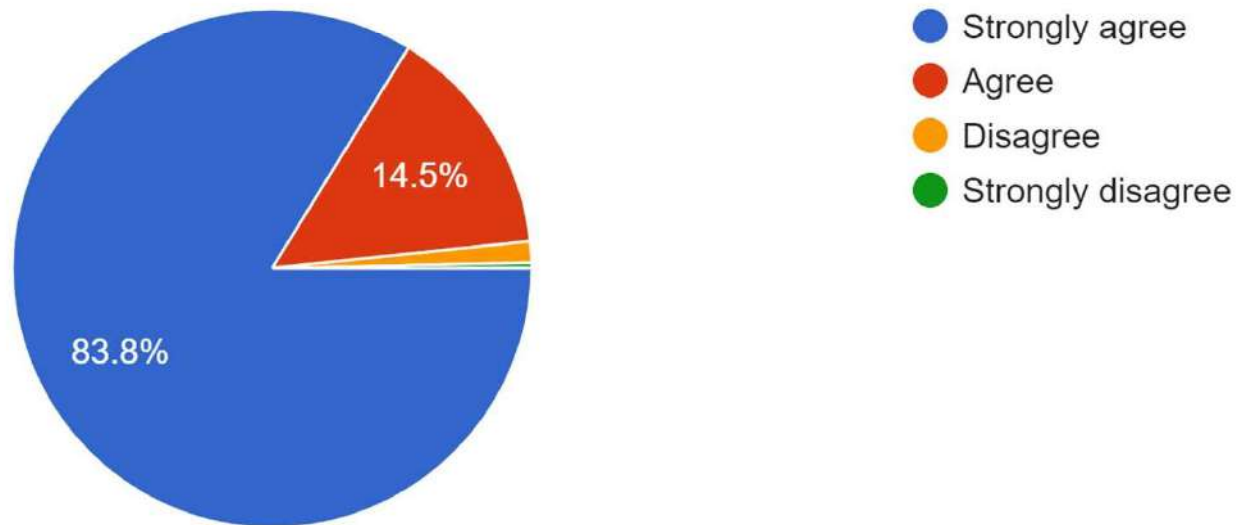
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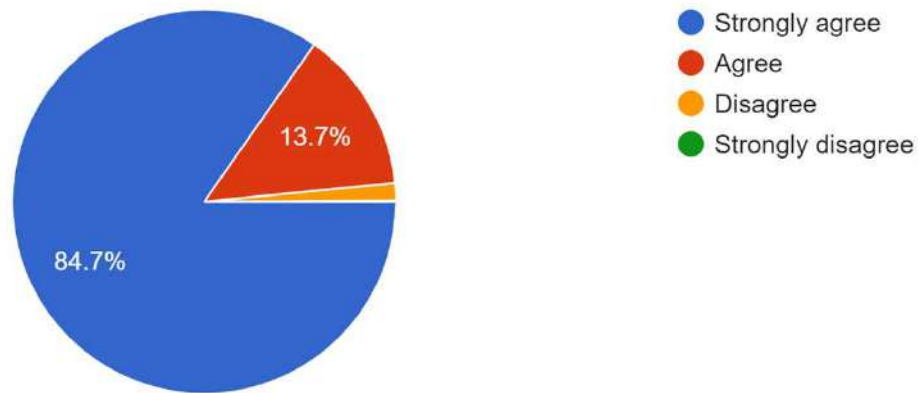
Ensure faculty selection does not include donations/capitation fees

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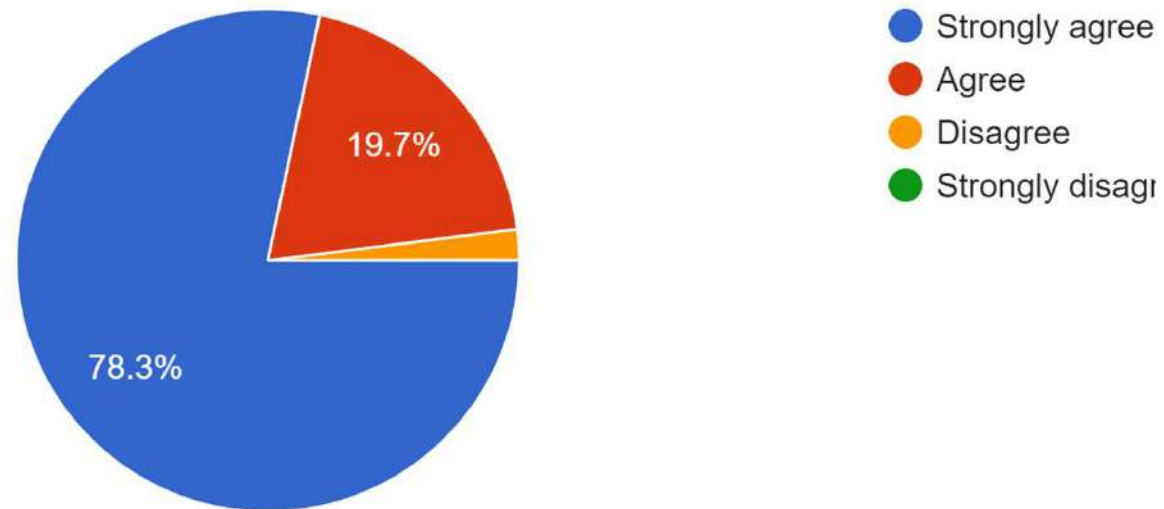
Increase industry collaboration

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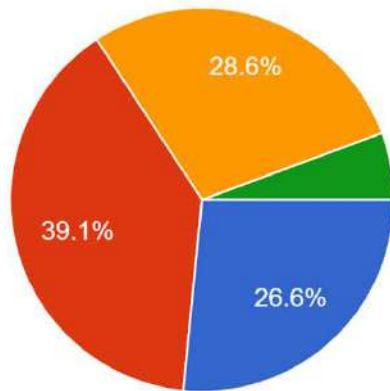
Arrange for international faculty to spend sabbatical in Kerala

895 responses



Increase the number autonomous colleges

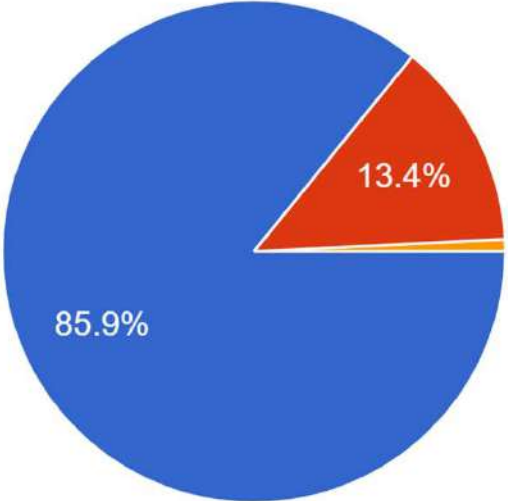
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Provide training for teachers in modern teaching methods

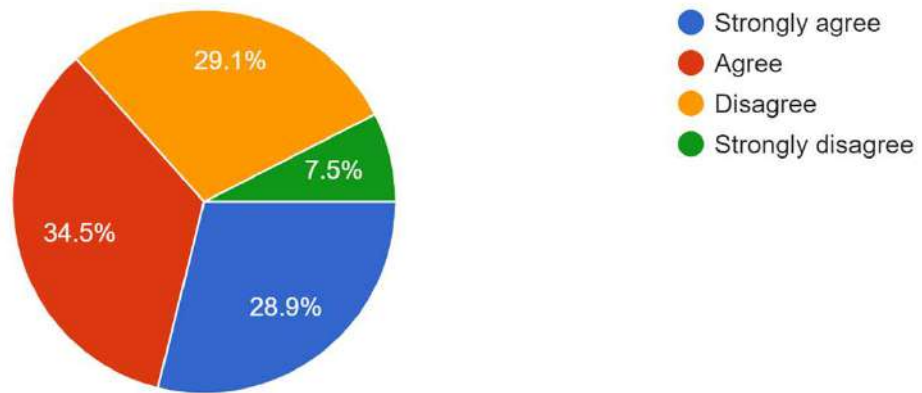
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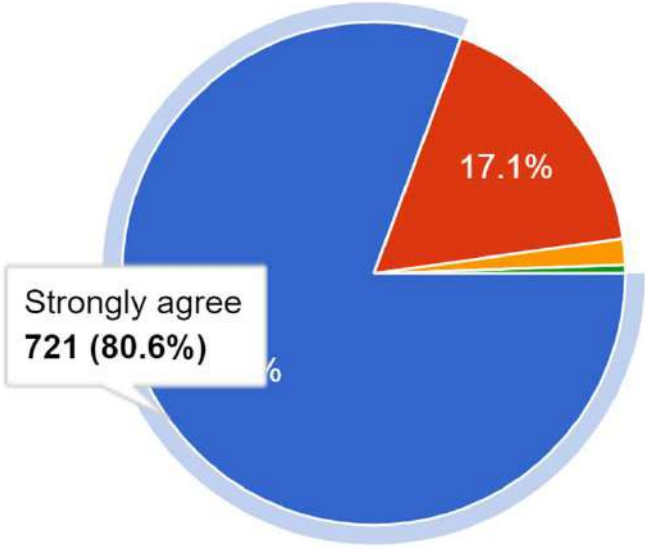
Allow Private Universities

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Provide more funding for research

894 responses



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Include soft skills training in higher education

902 responses

