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One of India's achievements is her self reliance in the atomic energy programme and in space technology. India was successful in the development of missiles and has also created S&T infrastructure through a network of research institutes, national laboratories and academies. The country has opened many IITs and has been successful in maintaining high standards of education in these centres.

The country has also seen several mistakes in the past years. One such is allowing a steady decline in the standards of the university system which was very good before 1947. The country has also created a bureaucratic hierarchy amongst scientists analogous to that in administration. India has allowed merit take a back seat in favour of mediocrity and has failed to monitor government projects to ruthlessly weed out the unsuccessful ones. Finally, the country has taken a complacent attitude towards brain-drain."

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