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Undertaking new courses at the global level

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Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is working in tandem with other countries including the G-20 countries that have proposed to undertake new courses at the global level and find gaps that need to be plugged, where G-20 members have agreed on the need to work together for a resilient, equitable, inclusive and sustainable future via education, they seek to overcome age, gender, socio-economic challenges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made, State-wise along with funds sanctioned/spent for each such course till now?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (b): G20 members under the Education Working Group under India's Presidency have committed to work together towards achieving a more resilient, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable future through accessible quality education and training at every level and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all. G20 members are working to help ensure that all learners, regardless of their age group, gender, economic, socio-cultural, ethnic, religious and regional background, and those facing physical or mental disabilities, having learning difficulties or special needs have access to quality, inclusive and equitable education and training as well as support for their well-being through all situations of emergencies and crises, so that they are able to build resilient futures. There was no proposal to undertake new courses at the global level.

However, educational collaboration is being promoted between Indian and Foreign Universities in other ways as follows:

As announced by Hon'ble Finance Minister in the Budget Proposal 2022-23, world-class foreign universities and institutions have been permitted in the GIFT City, Gujarat (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City) to offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics free from domestic regulations, except those by International Financial Services Centres

Authority (IFSCA) to facilitate availability of high-end human resources for financial services and technology.

University Grants Commission has also notified University Grants Commission (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2022 to facilitate international collaboration with Foreign Higher Educational Institutions.

Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) was launched in 2018 with an aim to improve the research ecosystem of India's Higher Educational Institutions by facilitating academic and research collaborations between Indian Institutions and the best institutions in the world from 28 selected nations by supporting joint research collaborations.

Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) scheme was launched in 2015. It seeks to invite distinguished academicians, entrepreneurs, scientists, experts from premier institutions from across the world, to teach in the higher educational institutions in India. The Scheme envisages garnering the best international experience into our systems of education enabling interaction of students and faculty with the best academic and industry experts from all over the world. Under this programme the international faculty conducts one to two week course at an Indian institution.

Many Indian institutions have also entered into Institutional-level Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs)/Agreements with foreign institutions to facilitate research and academic collaboration, student exchanges etc.
