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**Student mobility to and from India**

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

- (a) the number of outgoing student mobility per year from India to abroad during the last five years, year-wise details thereof;
- (b) details of in-bound students coming to India during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) the details of international scholarships provided to overseas students to study in the country; and
- (d) steps taken by Government to increase the flow of international students to India?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
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(a) The Ministry of Education does not maintain data related to Indian students going abroad for higher studies and returning after their higher studies. As per information provided by the Bureau of Immigration (BoI), the number of Indians who disclosed their purpose of visit as STUDY/EDUCATION while going abroad in the last five years is as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Number of Students</b>	586337	259655	444553	750365	892989

(b) As per the All India Survey for Higher Education (AISHE) conducted by Ministry of Education, the details of foreign students enrolled in Indian Higher Educational Institutions are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
<b>Number of students</b>	46144	47427	49348	48035	46878

(c) The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India provides the following scholarships to foreign students:

- i. Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme
- ii. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme
- iii. Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme (ICCR)
- iv. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Cultural Exchange Scholarship Scheme
- v. Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme
- vi. Suborno Jayanti Scholarship Scheme
- vii. Sushma Swaraj Silver Jubilee Scholarship Scheme
- viii. AYUSH Scholarships Scheme for BIMSTEC Countries
- ix. Aid to Maldives Scholarship Scheme
- x. Mekong Ganga Co-operation Scholarship Scheme
- xi. The India-Africa Maitri Scholarship Scheme
- xii. Kushok Bakula Rinpoche Scholarship Scheme
- xiii. Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme (MEA)
- xiv. Maulana Azad Scholarship Scheme
- xv. Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship Scheme
- xvi. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Scholarship Scheme
- xvii. AYUSH Scholarship Scheme for Non-BIMSTEC countries
- xviii. AYUSH Scholarships Scheme for Malaysian nationals
- xix. AYUSH Scholarships Scheme for South East Asian Region (SEAR) Countries
- xx. Afghan Scholarship Scheme (Special Scholarship Scheme for Afghan Nationals) (SSSAN from 2023) - Online

(d) Government of India has undertaken several initiatives to ensure availability of quality education in the higher education domain through infrastructure upgradation of the institutions, accreditation of institutions and courses, promotion of research & innovation and augmenting the digital initiatives. Some of the initiatives are:

- Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)/ Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) scheme provides financial support to State Governments under three components, (i) Enhancing quality and excellence in select state universities, (ii) Infrastructure grants to universities, and (iii) multi-disciplinary education and research universities (MERU).
- Promotion of accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) through **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)** to ensure quality education.
- To assess the qualitative competence of the programs offered by educational institution from diploma level to post-graduate level by **National Board of Accreditation (NBA)**.
- **8 Research Parks** at premier institutions has been established to serve as hubs for innovation, knowledge creation and have research collaboration with top-rated industries, to enable entrepreneurship and incubation of students and building strong academic linkages.
- Establishment of Anusandhan National Research Foundation(ANRF) which aims to seed, grow and promote research and development (R&D) and foster a culture of research and innovation throughout India's universities, colleges, research institutions, and R&D laboratories.
- **Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)** to encourage research collaboration between top Indian Institutes with the premier foreign institutes;

- ***One Nation, One Subscription*** initiative to provide centralized access to high-quality academic resources, research papers, and journals to students, researchers, and educators across the country;
- To ensure high quality educational content to every learner through **SWAYAM, SWAYAM Plus etc.**
- ‘Study in India’ (SII) program is a flagship initiative launched in 2018 to promote Indian education and making India as a preferred destination for Higher Education. Further, to facilitate seamless movement of foreign students to India, Study in India (SII) portal <https://studyinindia.gov.in> was launched on 3rd August 2023.

Further, University Grants Commission (UGC) has also taken several initiatives to enhance the quality of education, including financial support to HEIs. Some of the important initiatives are **regulations for setting up and operation of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India (FHEIs)**, Academic collaboration for **Joint/Dual/Twinning degree programmes**, Guidelines for **Internship/Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Program**, establishment of **Research and Development Cells in HEIs**, promotion of the concept of **Professor of Practice**, **Accessibility guidelines and standards for Higher Educational Institutions and Universities** etc.

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