

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3564**  
ANSWERED ON-02/04/2025

**Budget allocation to Higher Education Schemes**

3564 **Shri R. Girirajan:**

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

- (a) the annual expenditure on higher education as a whole during the last five years and the percentages of the Central budget in terms of GDP;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to improve higher education in the country to match with one of the best performing States like Tamil Nadu in terms of GER and Ph.D. Research Degrees; and
- (c) the annual budget allocations and the actual expenditure during the last five years for specific higher education schemes, namely, UGC Major Research Projects, UGC Minor Research Projects, RUSA, IMPRESS, IMPRINT and others?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

- (a) As per latest available data in “Analysis of Budgeted Expenditure on Education”, the total Government Expenditure on Higher Education (Union and States combined) and Percentage of Central Expenditure on Education to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), during the years 2017-18 to 2021-22 is as below: -

(Rs. in crore)					
Year	2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19 (Actual)	2019-20 (Actual)	2020-21 (RE)	2021-22 (BE)
Total Expenditure on Higher Education (Centre & States/UTs)	2,12,458	2,51,748	2,59,772	2,73,176	3,02,086
% of Central Expenditure on Education to Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	0.97	0.96	1.01	1.04	1.02

- (b) In Higher Education, various initiatives/reforms have been carried out to improve higher education such as National Credit Framework(NCrF), National Higher Education Qualification Framework(NHEQF), Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programme, Multiple Entry and Exit in Academic Programme offered by Higher Education Institutions, Transforming HEIs into multi-disciplinary Institutions, Pursuing two Academic Programme simultaneously, Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR ID) of individual student which will act as lifelong identity to track their educational journey and achievements from pre-primary to higher education, Introduction of PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme to provide financial support to meritorious students inter-alia enabling collateral free guarantor free loan through a simple transparent, Student-friendly and entirely digital application process, Revised regulation of ODL / Online Education, Permitting up to 40% credits in regular courses using SWAYAM platform, Launch of new SWAYAM Plus portal with aim to enhance skill and upskilling and reskilling of

existing manpower employed in different sectors, Integration of technology in administration of HEIs from admission to grant of degree through SAMARTH, Guidelines on Professor of Practice to enable HEIs to work with industry experts, Guidelines for supernumerary seats for admitting students from abroad in Indian HEIs, Academic collaboration between Indian and Foreign HEIs to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes, Regulation for permitting Foreign HEIs to setup campuses in India, Enhanced reputation of the Indian HEIs in international ranking, Embedding of Indian Knowledge system in the education etc.

(c) The Annual Budget allocations and the actual expenditure incurred under specific higher education schemes from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is as below:

(Rs. in crore)

Name of scheme/Budget Line	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
	RE/FG	Actuals	RE/FG	Actuals	RE/FG	Actuals	RE/FG	Actuals	RE/FG	Actuals
<b>RUSA / PM USHA</b>	1380.00	1277.82	166.00	165.20	363.06	242.34	360.67	360.51	500.00	186.06
<b>IMPRINT</b>	53.00	47.20	0.00	0.00	3.54	3.54	10.00	10.00	1.00	0.00
<b>IMPRESS</b>	25.50	18.75	12.00	12.00	23.00	0.00	0.25	0.09	0.00	0.00
<b>UGC Major Research Projects</b>	3.11	3.11	0.20	0.20	1.35	1.35	0.94	0.94	1.13	1.13
<b>UGC Minor Research Projects</b>	2.64	2.64	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0050	0.0038

In IMPRINT Scheme out of 181 projects, 176 projects have already been completed and remaining projects are under execution. The IMPRESS Scheme was sanctioned on 13.08.2018 for implementation upto 31.03.2021.

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