

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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FUNCTIONING OF NAIR, VADODARA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons as to why Government has disallowed National Academy of Indian Railways (NAIR) to conduct on-campus calendar courses at its existing campus w.e.f. 15th April 2024 despite the availability of optimum resources and NAIR being the nodal centralized training institutes and also recently shifted all on-campus Executive Training Programs of NAIR (including CTIs of Personnel, Stores & Health) to Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya/ other Central Training Institutes of Indian Railways; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to give every asset of NAIR at Pratap Vilas Palace Campus for use of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a) & (b) : Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) - a Central University with pan-India jurisdiction, was established in 2022 with the object of providing high-quality education to cater to requirement of skilled manpower for the ever expanding transportation and logistics sectors.

Since its inception the University is engaged in building a pool of skilled talent to address the evolving needs of the transportation and logistics sectors. By offering specialized programs, collaborating with industries, and supporting research, GSV prepares students to drive growth and efficiency in these critical industries.

To fulfil its mission for providing high quality teaching, research and skill development in diverse disciplines related to transportation, technology and management, GSV has collaborated with various **Organizations** (DPIIT, Karmayogi Bharat, CILT, Indian Army, Indian Air Force,

Lucchini RS S.p.a/ Italy etc.), **Academia** (IIM/Mumbai, BITS/Pilani, IIT/Gandhinagar, IIT/Jodhpur, Indian Maritime University, Monash University /Australia, JTTRI/Japan etc.) & **Industries** (Airbus, Nokia, Plasser, Jacobs, DMRC, Nippon Koei, Siemens etc.).

GSV offers B.Tech, M.Tech, MBA, and Ph.D. courses focused on transportation sector for students, executives, and working professionals. These courses specialize in areas such as rail engineering, aviation engineering, ports & shipping logistics, and logistics & supply chain management. Currently, 802 regular students and 39 working professionals are enrolled in different courses at GSV.

The university has a sanctioned strength of 58 faculty positions, with 37 professors, associate professors, and assistant professors currently in place. Additionally, GSV has 4 Distinguished Visiting Professors, 1 Professor of Practice, and 50 visiting faculty members from renowned institutes like IITs, IIMs, and other prestigious organizations.

Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) was established by converting the National Rail and Transportation Institute (NRTI) into a Central University through the Central Universities (Amendment) Act, 2022.

Indian Railways have a comprehensive network of Centralized Training Institutes (CTIs) which provides for different sets of training interventions at various stages of career of railway officers. Training programs at the CTIs have been progressively enhanced, ensuring minimal disruption to ongoing programs. The following table provides combined performance of all the CTIs since 2020-21:

Numbers of	2024-25*	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Programs conducted	763*	881	755	825	659
Trainees attended	97534*	59905	39842	38700	35869

*upto December-2024

Considering the requirement of railways, the executive training programmes will increasingly be done at GSV because it is being developed as a new institution for entire transportation sector including railways, metros, regional rail, aviation, shipping, port, etc.