

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
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PM-USHA reforms

1936 **Shri Masthan Rao Yadav Beedha:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is supporting state-run universities under the PM-Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) to transform them into multidisciplinary and competence based institutions;
- (b) if so, the number of Universities in Andhra Pradesh selected under PM-USHA and the funds allocated, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any outcome from the recent national workshop has been formalised as guidelines or models for NEP, 2020 implementation, if so, details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government will provide additional funds under PM-USHA scheme to Government of Andhra Pradesh in view of extensive educational reforms and interventions, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The government has launched the third phase of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26, with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore, including the committed liabilities of the earlier phases of RUSA to cater to the needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas.

The scheme envisages improvement in access, equity and excellence in State Higher Education system through support under various components viz., Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU), Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU), Grants to Strengthen Colleges (GSC), New Model Degree Colleges (NMDC) and Gender Inclusion and Equity Initiatives (GIEI). Under the scheme, all the 615 units have been approved with a total amount of Rs.8178.71 Crore under various components.

In the State of Andhra Pradesh, under PM-USHA, out of 33 approved units, 7 universities (1 MERU and 6 GSUs) have been approved for central support of Rs.132 crore. The details of Universities approved under PM-USHA in Andhra Pradesh are as under:-

S. No.	Component	District	Name of University	Central Share Approved (in Crore)
1	Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU)	Chittoor	Sri Padmavathi Mahila Visva Vidyalayam, Tirupathi	60
2	Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU)	Anantapur	Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur	12
3	Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU)	East Godavari	Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajahmundry, East Godavari	12
4	Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU)	Krishna	Krishna University, Machhlipattanam	12
5	Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU)	Spsr Nellore	Vikram Simhapuri University, Nellore	12
6	Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU)	Srikakulam	Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University, Etcherla	12
7	Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU)	Y.S.R.	Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa	12
Total				132

(c): The Outcome report based on discussion and deliberation in the National Workshop on Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities under PM-USHA, held on 30th April and 1st May 2025 in New Delhi, has been compiled and shared with States/UTs for their further use.

(d): The proposals submitted by the State of Andhra Pradesh on the PM-USHA Portal under various components were examined and placed before the Project Approval Board (PAB) for its consideration and approval. The PAB approved 33 units in Andhra Pradesh for a total central support of Rs. 228.75 crore under various components of the scheme.
