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Global Initiative for Academic Network

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has invited foreign faculties under Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN) programme, if so, details thereof along with the number of faculties that arrived under the programme;
- (b) if not, the time by which the Government will invite the foreign faculties in India to encourage their engagement with the institutes of Higher Education in India;
- (c) whether the GIAN has improved the quality of education in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to adopt the new educational technologies available around the world?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Under Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN) Internationally reputed academicians from all over the world are invited to teach in the Higher Educational Institutes and to share their experiences and expertise on wide spectrum of subjects. Till date, 1685 foreign experts have visited India to teach 1725 courses in 204 Higher Education Institutes.

(c) 'National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration' (NIEPA) has evaluated the GIAN scheme in 2019. The Evaluation Report observed that GIAN is an important initiative to promote the quality of teaching, research and further the advancement of knowledge in Indian Higher Education Institutions. GIAN has opened the gates for international collaboration and global exposure for Indian students and faculty. There has been much exposure to the latest advancements in science and technology.

Goals achieved in earlier phases of GIAN are:

- Knowledge creation and Capacity building by bringing foreign faculty into Indian universities thereby facilitating Indian faculty to have an insight into the modern pedagogy and topics.

(d) PM e-VIDYA - NDEAR (National Digital Education Architecture) is a key enabler of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and act as a connector to cross leverage ecosystem capabilities and catalyse innovation in education. PM e-VIDYA - NDEAR Ecosystem Policy and Open Standards & Specifications was released on 11th November 2022 and the same shall be accessed at <https://www.ndear.gov.in/>

Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education has also extended the flagship scheme of ‘National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology’ (NMEICT) from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026 for adoption of education technologies from across the world in cross-cutting areas.
