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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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DEVELOPING THE NEW FUTURE OF YOUTH

491. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts being made by the Government for developing the new future of youth through intellectual capabilities, innovations and concrete policies;
- (b) the efforts being made by the Government for making the country particularly, Gujarat self-reliant in the field of Higher Education in ensuing years; and
- (c) the efforts being made by the Government to transform the scenario of the country from brain drain to brain reservoir and make the country a storehouse of knowledge?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 has been brought out duly analyzing the existing system and suggesting way forward to address the challenges. This Policy proposes the revision and revamping of all aspects of the education structure to create a new system that is aligned with the aspirational goals of 21st century education, while building upon India's traditions and value systems. The Policy lays particular emphasis on the development of the creative potential of each individual. It is based on the principle that education must develop not only cognitive capacities - both the 'foundational capacities' of literacy and numeracy and 'higher-order' cognitive capacities, such as critical thinking and problem solving – but also social, ethical, and emotional capacities and dispositions.

Accordingly, various initiatives / reforms have been introduced in higher education. These inter-alia include University Grants Commission (Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulations; Guidelines for Multiple Entry and Exit in Academic Programmes offered in the HEIs; Guidelines for Transforming Higher Education Institutions into Multidisciplinary Institutions; Guidelines for pursuing two Academic Programmes simultaneously; Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programs; formulation of the National Credit Framework (NCrF); formulation of National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF).

NEP 2020, also lays emphasis on internationalization of higher education and promotes India as 'global study destination' providing premium education at affordable cost. It has envisioned that "top universities in the world will be facilitated to operate in India." For this, "a legislative framework facilitating such entry will be put in place, and such

universities will be given special dispensation regarding regulatory, governance, and content norms on par with other autonomous institutions of India.” Accordingly as announced by Hon’ble Finance Minister in the Budget Proposal 2022-23, world-class foreign universities and institutions have been permitted in the GIFT City, Gujarat (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City) to offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics free from domestic regulations, except those by International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to facilitate availability of high-end human resources for financial services and technology. Setting up of such foreign University/ Institutions in GIFT IFSC will help in the retention of the talent pool in the country and facilitate availability of high-end human resources for financial services and technology.

The UGC (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2022 have been notified to facilitate international collaboration with Foreign Higher Educational Institutions. World Class Institutions Scheme was also launched in the year 2017 to enable higher educational institutions in the country to have affordable world class academic and research facilities.
