

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
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Higher Education

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been working consistently to promote higher education and research in the country; and
- (b) if so, the names of the various courses being conducted to encourage the youth in the country presently along with the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government is committed to promote higher education and research in the country and this is a continuous and ongoing process. Several initiatives undertaken by the Government to improve the quality of teaching and learning, include Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Global Initiative for Academics Network (GIAN), Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP), Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT), Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), National Digital Library, campus connect programme, Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT), and Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP), Paramarsh, Deeksharambh, scholarships schemes for the students.

Further, for promotion of innovation, cognitive thinking and improving the quality of Ph.D programmes, the Government has devised schemes in all the fields of education viz. IMPRINT (Impacting Research Innovation and Technology) for technical research, IMPRESS (Impactful Policy Research in Social Sciences) for social sciences research, SPARC (Scheme for Promotion of Academic Research and Collaboration) for joint research with Foreign Universities, STARS (Scheme for Transformational and Advanced Research in Fundamental Sciences), and STRIDE (Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy) in thrust areas of humanities and human sciences.
