

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

LOK SABHA
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Quality of Higher Education

1667. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK (DEV):
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

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

- (a) whether any survey/study has been carried out recently to evaluate the quality of higher education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of higher education in the prevailing global scenario;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to open new Universities in the country; and
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to improve the quality of higher education including Jammu & Kashmir?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is an assessment process by which the quality of higher education is evaluated in the country. Till now 606 universities and 12709 colleges have been accredited by NAAC. Besides this the following are also in use:

- (i) System of annual ranking by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for determining inter-se rank of higher educational institutions.
- (ii) National Board of Accreditation (NBA) for assessment of quality in technical education

Till now 4867 institutes have participated in NBA and NIRF.

(c) to (e) : To improve the quality of higher education, government has started Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) to improve the quality of teachers. To improve the quality of learning, NAAC has initiated reforms through its processes and methodology paradigm for providing accreditation framework that is ICT enabled, scalable and based on fairness and transparency. These reforms show a right path to ensure quality and high standards in higher education institutions. Similarly, under University Grants Commission (UGC): Implementation of Quality Improvement Programme, the following initiatives facilitate quality improvement in education:

(i) Deeksharambh – A guide to Student Induction Programme' has been launched on 18.07.2019. In 8 Regional Workshops 1650 candidates participated. Total 319 HEIs have implemented the Student Induction Programme.

(ii) Learning outcomes based curriculum framework (LOCF) revision: New curriculum in 16 subjects which is based on LOCF has been uploaded on UGC website to facilitate universities to revise the curriculum.

(iii) Use of ICT based learning tools for effective teaching learning process : 125 Universities have come on board for accepting credit transfer for MOOCs courses done through SWAYAM platform.

(iv) Life skills (JeevanKaushal) for students : The curriculum launched on 11th September, 2019.

(v) Induction training for all new teachers, and annual refresher training for all the teachers – role of the NCRs; and mandatory leadership/management training for all educational administrators.

(vi) Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE) : launched on 01.07.2019 for Promoting quality research by faculty and creation of new knowledge.

In 2019, Parliament has passed a bill for establishment of Central and Tribal University in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

To improve the quality of education in J&K, a total funding of Rs. 516.28 Cr. have been approved for J&K since October 2013 to January 2020.
