

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3211  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021

**GIAN**

3211. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) Scheme;
- (b) the number of Universities and faculty that participated in the scheme;
- (c) the number of foreign faculty who have taught courses in Indian Universities;
- (d) whether the scheme will improve the global rankings of Indian Universities; and
- (c) the number of Indian scholars/faculty who have co-authored with foreign faculty?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**  
**(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a) Ministry of Education started the Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) scheme from December, 2015 to garner the best international experience into our systems of education, enable interaction of students and faculty with the best academic and industry experts from all over the world and also share their experiences and expertise to motivate people to work on Indian problems. Internationally reputed academicians from all over the world are invited primarily to teach in Higher Educational Institutes (HEIs) of India, sometimes jointly with the Indian host faculty, to initiate teaching and research collaborations.
- (b) A number of 3554 faculties from 203 Institutes/Universities participated, as Coordinators of GIAN courses, in the scheme.
- (c) A number of 1456 foreign visiting faculties, have taught courses in Indian Universities.
- (d) One of the major component in global ranking procedure is the international collaboration and visit of foreign faculty and students. The scheme is improving the visibility of the Indian higher Education Institutions worldwide through the academic collaboration of foreign faculty.
- (c) 1933 Indian scholars/faculty have co-authored with foreign faculty.

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