

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Status of Global Initiative for Academic Network

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN) programme along-with its aims and objectives;
- (b) the number of Universities and faculty that participated in the programme;
- (c) the details of international faculties hired under GIAN programme to impart education and enhance knowledge of different courses in various higher education institutions during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the programme has helped to improve the global rankings of Indian Universities and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to provide opportunity to the students to seek knowledge and experience from reputed international faculty?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Ministry of Education initiated the Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN) in Higher Education which aimed at tapping the talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs, internationally, to encourage their engagement with the institutes of Higher Education in India so as to augment the country's existing academic resources, accelerate the pace of quality reform and elevate India's scientific and technological capacity to global excellence. The Standing Finance Committee (SFC) has approved the continuation of Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN) scheme for a period of five (5) year i.e. 2021-2022 to 2025-2026.

(b) A number of 3554 faculties from 203 Institutions/ Universities participated in the scheme, as coordinators of GIAN Courses.

(c) In the year 2018, 377 foreign faculties and in the year 2019, 200 foreign faculties visited under this programme. However, due to Covid pandemic, no foreign faculty visited in the year 2020 and 2021 (till November, 2021).

(d) One of the major components in global ranking procedure is the international collaboration and visit of foreign faculty and students. This scheme is improving the visibility of the Indian higher education Institutions worldwide through the academic collaboration of foreign faculty in terms of delivering lectures, co-authoring of course materials and initiating potential research collaboration.

(e) Higher Education Institutions also enter into MoUs with foreign Universities for various collaboration programme, which also provides the opportunity to the students to seek knowledge and experience from reputed international faculty.
