

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 890
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2022**

Promotion of Education and Research

890. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps for promotion of higher education and research study in rural areas and small cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of new Universities/institutes/research centres opened in small cities during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Education (MoE) and the University Grants Commission (UGC) have taken various steps to promote inclusive reach of Higher Education and Research Studies in Rural areas which includes (i) Establishment of Educational Institutions in rural areas (ii) Enabling digital reach of higher education in rural areas and small cities. During the last three years, 141 universities have been established as per following details:

Year	State University	Private University	Deemed to be University	Central University	Total University
2018-19	17	40	3	1	61
2019-20	14	18	1	0	33
2020-21	18	24	1	4	47
Total	49	82	5	5	141

State/ UT-wise list of Universities along with their year of establishment is available at <https://www.ugc.ac.in/oldpdf/Consolidated%20list%20of%20All%20Universities.pdf>.

Further, 02 Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) have been established, one each at Agartala, Tripura in year 2018-19 and Raichur, Karnataka in year 2019-20.
