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Foreign Universities Campuses in India

2076 Adv. Adoor Prakash:

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

- (a) whether the guidelines have been finalised for setting up foreign university campuses in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
(b) whether any foreign university has communicated their interest to set up their campuses in the country, if so, the details thereof along with location identified and the time by which foreign university campus will be functioning?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (b): World-Class Foreign Universities and Institutions have been allowed to establish their campus in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) and offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Foreign Universities and Institutions can set up their Branch Campuses in GIFT City as per the criteria and standards laid down in the International Financial Services Centers Authority (Setting up and Operation of International Branch Campuses and Offshore Education Centers) Regulations, 2022, issued in October, 2022. These regulations are available at <https://ifsca.gov.in/Document/Legal/ifsca-ibc-and-oec-regulations-202213102022113639.pdf>

Two universities i.e. Deakin University and University of Wollongong from Australia have established their campus in GIFT City. The first batch of Deakin University has commenced on 3rd July, 2024 with 41 students. The admissions for University of Wollongong's first batch are still open.

Further, in line with the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued University Grants Commission (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023 in November, 2023 to facilitate the establishment of campuses of the Foreign Higher Education Institutions (FHEIs) in India and to lay down criteria for their admission and fee structure. These regulations are available at <https://fhei.ugc.ac.in/Downloads/Regulations.pdf>.
