

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**Internationalisation of Higher Education**

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

- (a) whether the Government has plan to internationalisation higher education by bringing foreign campuses to India to combat brain drain; and  
(b) the manner in which the Government reduce the cost of higher education in the country to curb the migration of students seeking education abroad?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
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(a) and (b): The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) was framed and approved by the Government of India to transform and improve the quality of education in the country. One of the key aspects of NEP 2020 is “Internationalisation of Education”, which aims to promote and share best academic & research practices through interactions among diverse education systems. In alignment with the vision of NEP 2020, University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued “UGC (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations 2023” to facilitate the establishment of branch campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions (FHEIs) in India.

International Financial Services Centres Authority (Setting up and Operation of International Branch Campuses and Offshore Education Centres) Regulations, 2022 have been issued to facilitate the establishment of campuses of world-class foreign universities in GIFT City, Gujarat.

Government of India has undertaken several initiatives to ensure availability as well as affordability of quality education in the higher education domain through infrastructure upgradation of the institutions, accreditation of institutions and courses, promotion of research & innovation and augmenting the digital initiatives. Some of the initiatives are:

- RashtriyaUchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)/Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) scheme provides financial support to State Governments under three components, (i) Enhancing quality and excellence in select state universities, (ii) Infrastructure grants to universities, and (iii) multi-disciplinary education and research universities (MERU).
- Promotion of accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) through **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)** to ensure quality education.
- To assess the qualitative competence of the programs offered by educational institution from diploma level to post-graduate level by **National Board of Accreditation (NBA)**.

- Ministry of Education, Government of India is implementing three component schemes under the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Yojana namely (i) Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship (CSSS) for College and University Students; (ii) Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (SSS for J&K and Ladakh); and (iii) Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme (CSIS).
- PM VidyaLaxmi Scheme aims to provide support to any student getting admission in quality Higher Education Institutions (QHEIs).
- To ensure availability of high quality educational content to every learner, several courses are being offered through SWAYAM & SWAYAM Plus.
- *One Nation, One Subscription* initiative to provide centralized access to high-quality academic resources, research papers, and journals to students, researchers, and educators across the country;
- **8 Research Parks** at premier institutions have been established to serve as hubs for innovation, knowledge creation and have research collaboration with top-rated industries, to enable entrepreneurship and incubation of students and building strong academic linkages.
- Establishment of Anusandhan National Research Foundation which aims to seed, grow and promote research and development (R&D) and foster a culture of research and innovation throughout India's universities, colleges, research institutions, and R&D laboratories.

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