

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1653  
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**Foreign University Campuses in India**

1653. Adv. Adoor Prakash:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any foreign university has communicated their interest to set up their campuses in the country after the Government finalized the norms for the same;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with planned location and the time by which foreign university campus will be functioning; and
- (c) whether any State has raised objections against the opening of foreign universities, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): 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.

The UGC had issued Letter of Intent to the University of Southampton (UoS), United Kingdom (UK) to set up its campus at Gurugram, Haryana.

Further, 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.

Two Australian universities have already established its campuses in the GIFT City, Gujarat. Deakin University from Australia has opened its campus in January, 2024 and its first batch has commenced on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024. University of Wollongong established its campus in November, 2024.

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