

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1659**  
ANSWERED ON 10/03/2025

**Establishment of an Innovation University in Andhra Pradesh**

1659. Dr. Byreddy Shabari:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified any location in Andhra Pradesh for establishment of an Innovation University under the proposed initiative to set up 14 world-class universities;
- (b) if so, the details of such identified location, estimated budget and expected timeline for commencement of academic activities;
- (c) if not, whether the Government is considering Andhra Pradesh for setting up one of these universities, given the State's growing educational infrastructure and student demand for advanced research institutions; and
- (d) the criteria used for selection of locations for these universities and whether Andhra Pradesh meets these criteria?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

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(a) to (d): Under the World Class Institutions scheme, which was launched in 2017, there are twelve institutions namely, IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, IISc Bangalore, BHU Varanasi, University of Hyderabad, University of Delhi, BITS Pilani, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, O.P. Jindal Global University and Shiv Nadar University. Financial assistance of Rs. 1000 Crore is provided to each public funded IoE (Institution of Eminence). UGC has made guidelines and regulations detailing the criteria for selection of these institutions.

Nine Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions (CFHEIs) of Ministry of Education are located in Andhra Pradesh. They are IIT Tirupati, NIT Andhra Pradesh, IIM Vishakhapatnam, IISER Tirupati, Central University of Andhra Pradesh, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, National Sanskrit University Tirupati, IIIT D&M Kurnool, SPA Vijayawada. In addition to this IIIT Sri City has been established under PPP Mode.

There is no proposal under consideration for setting-up of Innovation University in Andhra Pradesh.

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