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National Credit Framework in Universities/Colleges

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

- (a) the status of adoption of the National Credit Framework (NCrF) in Universities and Colleges across Gujarat;
- (b) whether skill-based or vocational credits are being integrated into degree programs in Gujarat; and
- (c) the details about extent of alignment with the National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF) in 2024-25?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (c): The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisages to make education more holistic, flexible, and integrated across academic, skill, and vocational education. In alignment with this vision, the National Credit Framework (NCrF) has been launched as a comprehensive credit framework encompassing elementary, school, higher and vocational education & training, integrating creditization of learning in various dimensions i.e. academics, vocational skills and experiential learning including relevant experience and proficiency/ professional levels acquired.

The NCrF has been jointly developed by University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and National Council for Vocational Education & Training (NCVET) among others and it provides for creditization of all learning and assignment, accumulation, storage, transfer & redemption of credits, subject to assessment; removes distinction and establishes academic equivalence between vocational & general education while enabling mobility within & between them.

As per the information provided by the Government of Gujarat, Gujarat state has proactively aligned its higher education reforms with the National Credit Framework (NCrF) and the National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF). Gujarat Government has issued directions

and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in July 2023 for the implementation of the Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes, based on UGC's NCrF guidelines. Further, 12 State Public Universities in Gujarat have implemented the new credit structure from the Academic Year 2023-24 and all 66 private universities in Gujarat have adopted the framework.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) released the guidelines for the National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF) in May, 2023. Accordingly, Government of Gujarat, has issued directives to all universities in the state for the adoption and implementation of the NHEQF.

The Ministry of Education, Government of India in collaboration with IIT Madras and eminent Industry Partners, have launched the SWAYAM Plus platform on 27th February 2024. The platform offers high-quality learning and certification programs in partnership with leading industry and academic experts to students/learners, helping them reskill, upskill and become employment-ready. The Ministry of Education and IIT Madras have signed more than 65 MoUs with the leading industry partners. As of 25th July, 2025, more than 400 Courses in 16 different sectors are available on the platform, and more than 3 lakh learners have enrolled for their Skill augmentation.

The Ministry of Education has implemented National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) to impart on-the-job training and enhance the employability of youth. In the last 5 financial years, i.e. from FY 2020-21 to 2024-25, the NATS scheme has engaged 12.94 lakh apprentices. For FY 2024-25, over 5.23 lakh apprentices have been engaged.
