

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3970
ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

Multi-disciplinary Education and Research University

3970. Shri Arun Bharti:

Will the Minister of **EDUCATION**

be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made on establishment of Multi-disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERUs) as envisioned in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020;
- (b) the details of the locations identified and the funds allocated for setting up these universities; and
- (c) the timeline by which these MERUs are expected to become operational and the role they are expected to play in promoting holistic and multi-disciplinary education?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): In alignment with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Government has launched the third phase of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore, including the committed liabilities of the earlier phases of RUSA, to cater to the needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas. Under the Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU) component of PM-USHA, 35 Universities have been approved for a total amount of Rs. 100 crore each. The State-wise details of MERUs approved are at **Annexure.**

Under MERU component, the Universities in respective States/ UTs are expected to undertake various mandatory activities such as (i) implementation of National Credit Framework (NCrF) and Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and implementation of elective course system; (ii) adoption of Academic Bank of Credits; (iii) using Online Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Programmes such as SWAYAM/MOOCs; (iv) courses in Indian Languages; (v) embedding Indian knowledge System (IKS) in the Curriculum; (vi) bridge courses for socially and economically disadvantaged students; (vii) Vocational courses for 21st century skills, Internships/Training, etc. towards achieving higher levels of access, equity, and excellence and promoting holistic and multi-disciplinary education.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3970 ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025 ASKED BY SHRI ARUN BHARTI, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING MULTI-DISCIPLINARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

State-wise details of Multi-disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERUs) approved under Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA)

S. No.	State	District	University	Total Amount Approved (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor	Sri Padmavathi Mahila Visva Vidyalayam, Tirupathi	100.00
2	Assam	Dibrugarh	Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh	100.00
3	Bihar	Darbhanga	Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga	100.00
4	Bihar	Patna	Patna University, Patna	100.00
5	Chhattisgarh	Bastar	Shaheed Mahendra Karma Vishwavidyalaya, Jagdalpur	100.00
6	Goa	North Goa	Goa University, Goa	99.99
7	Gujarat	Rajkot	Saurashtra University, Rajkot	100.00
8	Gujarat	Surat	Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat	100.00
9	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla	100.00
10	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribagh	99.78
11	Karnataka	Belagavi	Rani Channamma University, Belagavi	100.00
12	Karnataka	Bengaluru Urban	Bangalore University, Bangalore	100.00
13	Kerala	Kannur	Kannur University	100.00
14	Kerala	Malappuram	University of Calicut, Malappuram	100.00
15	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	University of Kerala	100.00
16	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	Barkatullah University, Bhopal	100.00
17	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Jiwaji University, Gwalior	100.00
18	Madhya Pradesh	Ujjain	Vikram University, Ujjain	100.00

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19	Maharashtra	Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (Aurangabad)	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad	100.00
20	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli	Gondwana University, Gadchiroli	100.00
21	Maharashtra	Mumbai	Smt. Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's Univeristy, Mumbai	100.00
22	Maharashtra	Solapur	Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, Solapur	100.00
23	Odisha	Cuttack	Ravenshaw University, Cuttack	100.00
24	Odisha	Ganjam	Berhampur University, Berhampur	100.00
25	Odisha	Mayurbhanj	Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University	100.00
26	Odisha	Sambalpur	Sambalpur University, Sambalpur	100.00
27	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur	100.00
28	Telangana	Mahbubnagar	Palamuru University, Mahabubnagar	100.00
29	Uttar Pradesh	Ayodhya	Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Awadh University, Faizabad	100.00
30	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly	Mahatama Jyotiba Phule Rohikhand University, Bareilly	100.00
31	Uttar Pradesh	Gorakhpur	Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur	100.00
32	Uttar Pradesh	Jhansi	Bundelkhand University, Jhansi	100.00
33	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	University of Lucknow	100.00
34	Uttar Pradesh	Meerut	Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut	100.00
35	Uttarakhand	Nainital	Kumaun University, Nainital	100.00
