

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-228
ANSWERED ON-01/12/2025

Gross Enrolment Ratio in HEIs

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of students in Higher Education Institutions in the country;
- (b) the target set by the Government to increase GER in Higher Education Institutions in the country; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to improve the quality of education in terms of equity in Higher Education Institutions, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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- (a): As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), 2022-23(Provisional), National Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is 29.5.
- (b): National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) envisages increasing the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher Education including vocational education, to 50% by 2035.
- (c): The Government has notified the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006, wherein reservation of seats in Central Educational Institutions is implemented, which is 15%, 7.5% and 27% of the annual permitted strength in each branch of study or faculty for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) respectively. Central Educational Institutions have also been issued instructions in January, 2019 for implementation of 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Section (EWS). Horizontal reservation of 5% for Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) is also provided.

Education being in the Concurrent List, enhancing the quality of education is the responsibility of both the Central and State Governments. Various schemes/ projects/ programs run by the Ministry have been aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. NEP 2020 aims to ensure that no child loses opportunity to learn and excel because of the circumstances of birth or background. This policy aims at bridging the social category gaps in access, participation, and learning outcomes, including providing greater access to women. The Central Government has taken various measures to promote higher education among the students across the nation including women, such as fee reductions, establishment of more institutes, scholarships, priority access to national level scholarships to aid students with poor financial backgrounds to pursue their education.

Government is implementing various Scholarships and Fellowships to promote access to higher education for students including students from socially disadvantaged groups. The details of schemes are as under:

1. Ministry of Education

- Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) with 4 components:
 - a) PM-USP Central Sector Interest Subsidy (PM-USP CSIS)
 - b) PM-USP Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Education Loan (PM-USP CGFSEL)
 - c) PM-USP Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students (PM-USP CSSS)
 - d) PM-USP Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh (PM-USP SSS JKL)
- Pradhan Mantri Vidyalaxmi (PM-Vidyalaxmi)
- Prime Minister Research Fellowship (PMRF)

2. University Grants Commission (UGC):

- Ishan Uday special scholarship schemes for NER
- National scholarship for Post-Graduate Studies
- UGC National Eligibility Test -Junior Research Fellowship (NET-JRF)
- Savitribai Jyotirao Phule single girl child fellowship

3. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) :

- AICTE Post-Graduate (PG) Scholarship Scheme
- AICTE Pragati Scholarship Scheme Specially for Girls (Degree & Diploma)
- AICTE Saksham Scholarship Scheme for Boys & Girls (Degree & Diploma)
- AICTE – SWANATH Scholarship Scheme for Students for students who lost parents during COVID (Degree & Diploma)
- AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF)
- AICTE Sarswati Scholarship Scheme for Girl Students (BBA, BCA & BMS Degree)
- AICTE Yashasvi (Young Achievers' Scholarship and Holistic Academic Skills Venture Initiative) Scheme 2024
- AICTE Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF)

4. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

- Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC
- Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC, EBC and DNT students
- Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT students
- Post Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities
- Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers (SHREYAS) for Scheduled Castes (SCs) comprising of comprises of 4 sub-Schemes namely
 - a) Top-Class Scholarship Scheme for SC students (TCS)
 - b) Free Coaching for SCs, OBCs and beneficiaries of PM CARES Children Scheme (FCS)
 - c) National Overseas Scholarship scheme for Scheduled Castes etc. (NOS) and
 - d) National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste students (NFSC)

5. Ministry of Tribal Affairs

- Post Matric Scholarship for ST students
- National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students (Top Class)
- National Fellowship for Higher Education for ST students
- National Overseas Scholarship for ST students

6. Ministry of Science and Technology

- Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)”
- Women in Science and Engineering-KIRAN (WISE-KIRAN)’
- WISE-Post Doctoral Fellowship (WISE-PDF)
- WISE-Societal Challenges with Opportunities (WISE-SCOPE) programmes

7. North Eastern Council (NEC), *Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region*

- Financial Support to the Students of North Eastern Region (NER) for Higher Professional Courses (NER Merit Scholarship)
