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Internationalisation of Higher Education System in India

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken up various initiatives to Internationalise the Higher Education System of India;
- (b) if so, whether the globalization of education has effectively changed the society from industry-based society to information-based society;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the benefits likely to be provided to the Indian students from the said plan;
- (d) whether the Government has signed any Government-to-Government level Memorandum of Understanding/ Education Exchange Programmes with counterparts of various countries;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;
- (f) whether the Government is working on a regulation that World-Class foreign Universities and Institutions have been allowed to offer courses in Financial Management, Science, Technology, Engineering etc. in the country; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. To promote internationalisation of Indian education, National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 stipulates various measures, which inter alia include facilitating research / teaching collaborations and faculty /student exchange with high-quality foreign Higher Education Institutions (HEIs); signing of relevant mutually beneficial Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with foreign countries; encouraging high performing Indian universities to set up campuses in other countries; facilitating selected universities e.g. those from among the top 100 universities in the world to operate in India; setting up of International Student Office at each Higher Education Institution (HEI) for welcoming and supporting students arriving from abroad; and

promoting courses and programmes in subjects, such as Indology, Indian Languages, AYUSH systems of medicines, yoga, arts etc.

In line with the recommendations of NEP, 2020, several measures have been initiated to strengthen Internationalization of the Higher Education, such as:

- i. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued Regulations on Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes on 02.05.2022.
- ii. University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued Guidelines for Internationalisation of Higher Education on 29.07.2022. The guidelines call for establishment of the Office for International Affairs in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) as a single point of contact for facilitating foreign students and promoting internationalisation.
- iii. World-Class Foreign Universities and Institutions have been allowed in the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) to offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics free from domestic regulations, except those by International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to facilitate availability of high-end human resources for financial services and technology.
- iv. University Grants Commission (UGC) has drafted enabling Regulations to facilitate the establishment of campuses of foreign higher institutions in India. The draft University Grants Commission (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023 are available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9214094_Draft-Setting-up-and-Operation-of-Campuses-of-Foreign-Higher-Educational-Institutions-in-India-Regulations-2023.pdf

These initiatives will provide global exposure to students for multidisciplinary education with an internationally relevant curriculum and quality education.

(d) and (e): Yes, Sir. Currently, there are active Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)/Educational Exchange Programmes (EEPs) with 45 countries, including one with BRICS countries and one with Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). The details of these countries is at https://www.education.gov.in/en/parl_ques .

(f) and (g): Foreign Universities and Institutions can set up their Branch Campuses in GIFT City as per the criteria and standards laid down in the IFSCA (Setting up and Operation of International Branch Campuses and Offshore Education Centres) Regulations, 2022. The Regulations are available at <https://ifsc.gov.in/Viewer/Index/352>
