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Restoring India as a Global Hub of Education

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is committed for restoring the place of India as a global hub of Education, if so, what are the concrete steps undertaken by the Government for realizing the vision of making India, a preferred destination of Education;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any measure to facilitate the foreign students in getting comprehensive information about the Indian Higher Education Institutions (IHEIs) for the successful attainment of the aforementioned goal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the necessary criteria for higher educational institutes to qualify for enrolling foreign students?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d):

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 focuses extensively on attaining the highest global standards in the quality of higher education. To achieve this vision and making India a preferred destination for education, the government has undertaken several concrete steps:

- i. 'Study in India' program is a flagship initiative to promote Indian education and making India as a preferred destination, with the overall objective to increase the number of international students coming to study in India. Study in India (SII) portal <https://studyinindia.gov.in> has been launched on 3rd August, 2023, as a dedicated website that showcases the best of Indian Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) and is a one stop solution for admission and visa applications for foreign students who wish to pursue their higher education in Indian HEIs. It is mandatory for all international

students seeking admission in Indian HEIs to register on the SII portal for the academic session 2023-24 onwards, for every full term or short-term course. The portal provides a structured mechanism to facilitate foreign students to meet their Visa obligations.

Indian institutions fulfilling the following criteria can register on the Study in India portal, for admitting foreign students in their campus:

- i. Institutions listed/figured in 8th Edition of NIRF
- ii. Institutions listed in QS World Ranking Asia 2024
- iii. Institutions with a valid NAAC score of 3.01 and above on a scale of 4.0
- iv. Institutions having Accorded Autonomous Status by any statutory bodies, Ministries viz. MHA, AICTE, UGC, NMC, NCI, etc. of the Government of India
- v. Institutions with 80% admissions consecutively for the last 5 academic years
- vi. HEIs with 30% of eligible courses of National Board of Accreditation (NBA) (having validity till 30th April, 2025).

Regular outreach programs, webinars and education fairs are organized under the 'Study in India' programme to connect with potential students from various countries.

- ii. University Grants Commission (UGC) has on 8th November 2023 issued enabling Regulations to facilitate establishment of campuses of Foreign Higher Institutions (FHEIs) in India. UGC has also issued Regulations in 2021 to enable Indian Institutions to collaborate with FHEIs to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes. In order to promote Indian education abroad, Institutions of Eminence have been allowed to establish campuses in foreign countries. IIT Madras has established an offshore campus at Zanzibar, Tanzania and IIT Delhi has established a similar campus at Abu Dhabi, UAE.

In addition to the above, programs are also being launched at institutional level by IHEIs for facilitating student and faculty mobility, establishing international partnerships for research, easing the processes for enrolment of foreign students in Indian institutions etc.

- iii. World-Class Foreign Universities and Institutions have been allowed to establish their campus in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) and offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Deakin University and University of Wollongong from Australia have established their campus in GIFT City.
