

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Setting up of campuses by foreign universities

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

- (a) whether letters of intent have been issued to foreign universities for setting up campuses in the country, if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry has any plan to further increase the number of campuses of foreign Universities in the country across other States, if so, what is the criteria for selection;
- (c) whether there is any proposal in the pipeline to establish foreign University campuses in the State of Haryana; and
- (d) the provisions for internationalisation of higher education in the country under NEP, 2020?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (d): University Grant Commission (UGC) has issued Letter of Intent (LoI) to 8 Foreign Higher Educational Institutions (FHEIs) from Australia, Italy, United Kingdom, USA to open their campuses at various places in India including Gurugram (Haryana), Bengaluru (Karnataka), Mumbai (Maharashtra) and Chennai (Tamilnadu).

As per the provisions of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, India is to be promoted as a global study destination providing premium education at affordable costs thereby helping to restore its role as a Vishwa Guru.

In line with the vision of NEP 2020, University Grants Commission (UGC) has in 2023 issued enabling Regulations to facilitate establishment of campuses of Foreign Higher Institutions (FHEIs) in India. The FHEI intending to establish campuses in India should have secured a position within the top five hundred in the overall category of global rankings; or it should have secured a position within the top five hundred in the subject-wise category of global rankings; or should possess outstanding expertise in a particular area.

Further, as per the provisions of NEP 2020, an International Students Office at each HEI hosting foreign students will be set up to coordinate all matters relating to welcoming and supporting students arriving from abroad. Research/teaching collaborations and faculty/student exchanges with high-quality foreign institutions will be facilitated, and relevant mutually beneficial MOUs with foreign countries will be signed. High performing Indian universities will be encouraged to set up campuses in other countries. Furthermore, research collaboration and student exchanges between Indian institutions and global institutions will be promoted through special efforts. Credits acquired in foreign universities will be permitted, where appropriate as per the requirements of each HEI, to be counted for the award of a degree.
