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Setting up of foreign university campus in India

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

- (a) whether any decision has been taken to allow foreign universities to set up their campuses in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria and standard set up for them and what would be the regulatory mechanism to implement these criteria and standards;
- (d) whether the foreign universities will be free to charge fees as they may decide; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): University Grants Commission(UGC) has drafted enabling Regulations to facilitate the establishment of campuses of Foreign Higher Institutions(FHEIs) in India. The draft University Grants Commission (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023 has been placed in the public domain seeking feedback suggestions, comments from all the stakeholders. The draft Regulations 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

Apart from the above, as announced by the Hon'ble Finance Minister in the Union Budget 2022-23, World-Class Foreign Universities and Institutions will be 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). 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>
