

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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**Launching of GIAN**

359 # DR. ANIL JAIN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the launching date of Global Initiative of Academic Network (GIAN) programme and the facilities being provided to the students through this;
- (b) the total number of Indian students benefiting or likely to benefit from this programme; and
- (c) the amount being spent by Government under this programme?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Ministry of Education has launched the Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) scheme on 30th November, 2015 to garner the best international experience into our systems of education

It aims to tap the international talent pool of eminent faculty members, scientists and entrepreneurs and to encourage their engagement with the institutes of Higher Education in India.

As on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, total of 1634 international faculty and experts from 60 countries have participated, as Coordinators of GIAN courses. These faculty and experts have taught in 135 HEIs across the country. More than 73,000 students of these institutes have been benefitted directly through these GIAN courses. All GIAN courses are telecasted live on GIAN portal to ensure its access to every student.

Government of India has approved the GIAN Phase IV with outlay of Rs 65.5 Cr for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26. Amount released under previous GIAN phases is Rs 119.5 Cr.

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