



Shri Dharmendra Pradhan addresses Diplomats from over 50 countries at Study in India Edu-Diplomatic Conclave 2026, in New Delhi

Education Minister calls upon foreign HEIs to collaborate with India's fast-growing, innovation-driven education system

Conclave strengthens engagement with Diplomatic Missions in New Delhi to deepen global academic partnerships

NEP 2020 reforms strengthening India's rise as a global education destination

India invites the world to study, innovate and grow together

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Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan addresses the Study in India Edu-Diplomatic Conclave 2026 organized by the Ministry of Education at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi, today, bringing together Ambassadors, High Commissioners, representatives of diplomatic missions from over 50 countries and officials of the Ministry, to deliberate on strengthening international cooperation in higher education.

Addressing the gathering, Education Minister spoke about the transformation of India's education system under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, highlighting the significant strides being made in the internationalization of education and India's strong focus on quality, innovation and affordability.



He further stated that the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has envisioned India becoming a developed nation by 2047, marking 100 years of Independence. In this context, the Minister emphasised that India continues to remain a bright spot in the global economic landscape, offering immense opportunities to learn, research, innovate and implement.

The Minister underlined that India's greatest strength lies in its vibrant knowledge ecosystem, demographic dividend and fast-growing economy. Through NEP 2020 and the Study in India initiative, he said, the country is expanding global pathways for students, researchers and institutions.

He also highlighted that from artificial intelligence, biotechnology and semiconductors to sustainable energy, India is emerging as a trusted innovation partner, advancing a Global South model rooted in collaboration, capacity-building and shared knowledge.

Stressing that education remains the most enduring bridge between societies in a world marked by uncertainty and rapid change, he said India seeks to build strong knowledge bridges with partner countries. He called upon the Excellencies to collaborate with India's fast-growing, innovation-driven, multidisciplinary and access-friendly education system.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary, Higher Education Dr Vineet Joshi highlighted that over the past six years, the National Education Policy 2020 has provided clear direction to India's higher education reforms, particularly in advancing multidisciplinary education, integrating skilling into mainstream learning, and strengthening internationalization. He stressed that the Indian institutions are deepening global engagement through joint, dual and twinning programmes, while premier universities are expanding their international footprint. He further stated that the University Grants Commission has put in place a transparent and time-bound regulatory framework enabling foreign universities to establish campuses in India, with applications from leading institutions across Australia, Italy, the United Kingdom and the United States cleared within a month. He described the Study in India initiative as an open invitation to build a mutually beneficial global education partnership with India.

The conclave featured focused thematic sessions on:

- Indian Knowledge Systems as a global academic offering
- Academic partnerships through SPARC and GIAN
- Artificial Intelligence and advanced technologies
- UGC Regulations 2023 for foreign university campuses in India
- International branch campuses and enabling frameworks
- Internationalizing India's skill architecture
- Bharat Innovates 2026

The discussions highlighted India's evolving higher education ecosystem and presented concrete avenues for collaboration, including student mobility, joint programmes, research partnerships, and establishment of campuses.

The Study in India Edu-Diplomatic Conclave 2026 provided a dedicated platform to strengthen India's diplomatic engagement in education by inviting students from partner countries to pursue higher education and short-term programmes in India, encouraging institutional collaborations, and inviting globally ranked universities to establish campuses in India.

Addressed excellencies, high commissioners and diplomats from over 50 countries at the Study In India Edu-Diplomatic Conclave held in New Delhi today. Spoke about the transformation of Indian education system powered by the National Education Policy 2020, giant strides being made... pic.twitter.com/TqgwRZ4iDa

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