Union Education Minister, Shri Pralhad Joshi chairs the Meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Internationalisation of Indian Education

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Union Minister for Education, Shri Pralhad Joshi, today chaired the first meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Parliament for the Ministry of Education for 2026. Union Minister of State for Education, Shri Jayant Chaudhary; Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ms. Deepti Gaur Mukerjee; Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Shri T. K. Anil Kumar and other senior officials from the Ministry attended the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Shri Pralhad Joshi said that the Indian Knowledge System had a long history of global impact. The objective of the Ministry was to further expand the global footprint of this system. With this aim, he stated that several steps were being taken to set up campuses of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) overseas and also facilitate the setting up of campuses of foreign universities in India. The Minister informed that around 21 foreign HEIs were currently operational in the country, in addition to joint academic and research collaborations. He added that the demand for CBSE schools abroad demonstrated the credibility of Indian education programmes and their potential for scalability at the global level.

The Members of the Parliament were briefed on the various initiatives undertaken by both the Departments of the Ministry as part of the internationalisation of Indian education. The Department of Higher Education outlined the four strategies adopted to promote internationalisation - academic and research collaborations; attracting international students to study in India; allowing Foreign HEIs (FHEIs) to set up branch campuses in India; and allowing Indian HEIs to set up campuses abroad. 17 Letters of Intent were issued to Foreign Universities, under UGC Regulations, including those from the UK, the USA, Australia and Italy. The Members were also briefed on initiatives including Bharat Innovates, SPARC (Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration), GIAN (Global Initiative of Academic Networks) and DASA (Direct Admission of Students Abroad) and the revamped Study in India (SII) portal.

The Department of School Education and Literacy informed the Members that the National Education Policy 2020 and the aspiration of Viksit Bharat 2047 were guiding a transformative shift in the Indian education system. The alignment of the curriculum with global standards, multilingual education, exchange programmes for students and teachers and the PARAKH National Assessment Centre for academic equivalence and quality alignment were among the key factors driving internationalisation. 268 CBSE schools were functional across 26 countries and an overseas regional office was also established in Dubai. A standardised assessment framework had also been implemented across affiliated schools globally to ensure uniformity.

The Members appreciated the efforts taken by the Departments in the direction of internationalisation and gave their suggestions on various matters including vocational education and expanding the network of Indian educational institutions abroad.

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