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RUSA Existing Components at a Glance

Introduction

Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of the Department of Higher Education, MHRD which aims to provide strategic central funding to State Higher Education Departments and Institutions and achieve the broad objectives of access, equity and excellence. The State Higher Education Departments and Institutions undertake certain governance, academic and administrative reforms as a pre-requisite to be entitled for RUSA grants.

The implementation of RUSA in its right earnest began after May 2014.

Achievements

The following are some of the key achievements of RUSA:

- 1. Coverage:** The States and the UTs have responded very well to the scheme; 29 States and 6 UTs are participating in RUSA. Over 2000 State Universities and Colleges have been supported so far.
- 2. Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER):** The National GER prior to the launch of RUSA was 20.8 (2012), with Male GER at 22.1 and Female GER at 19.4. RUSA assistance is critical in sustaining the growth in GER. A substantial increase in National GER has been recorded at 24.5, with Male GER at 25.4 and Female GER at 23.5 in 2015-16 (AISHE 2015-16).
- 3. Filling Up of Vacancies in Teaching Posts:** Given the commitments made by the States under RUSA on removal of ban on recruitment and filling up of vacant positions, many States have started the process of filling faculty positions.
- 4. Institutionalization of State Higher Education Planning:** Prior to the formation of RUSA, 9 State Higher Education Councils were created by an Act of the legislature. The States joined RUSA with a commitment to create State Higher Education Councils within a stipulated time indicated by them. Till now, 26 more States/UTs have already created State Higher Education council, 16 of which are through an Act of the legislature.

Till date, out of 36 States and UTs, 34 States and UTs except Delhi and Lakshadweep have submitted their Higher Education Plan. Each State has to prepare a State Higher Education Plan through a bottom-up approach in consultation with their key stakeholders.
- 5. State Contribution to Higher Education as a Percentage of GSDP:** Overall there has been an increase in States spending in higher education as a percentage of its GSDP.
- 6. Governance Reforms:** Many States have been working on the process of reducing affiliation and undertaking efforts to bring about changes to the University Act. States like Odisha, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have initiated the process of reforming their Public Universities' Act to address some of the Governance and Administrative Reforms at the institutional and system level.

Existing Components

1. Creation of University by Way of Upgradation of Existing Autonomous College

- The purpose of such an intervention is to allow colleges which have full and complete academic and administrative freedom to graduate to a university through an act of state legislature, since the college under the current framework cannot award a degree.
- High quality college declared autonomous (academic and administrative freedom) by the UGC into University are eligible.
- Such Colleges should have a 'College with Potential for Excellence' tag.
- Colleges with high Teacher-Student Ratio, Post –Graduate Departments, and having filled 85% of their sanctioned faculty positions etc. are eligible to be considered.
- Reduce the burden of affiliation and allow for quality enhancement in high quality institutions
- 8 Units approved for Rs.440 Cr with a Central share of Rs. 286Cr. Funds released till 30th August, 2017- Rs.94.21 Cr



Digital Launch of RUSA Portal and Projects, April 2017 by Shri Prakash Javadekar, Union HRD Minister

2. Creation of University by Way of Conversion of Colleges in a Cluster

- The purpose of such an intervention is to bring together 3-5 colleges which have the required academic and administrative autonomy (but do not have the power to award degree) and convert them into a university (which has the degree awarding power) through an act of state legislature.



Government College for Women, Jammu

- High quality colleges (3-5) declared autonomous (academic and administrative freedom) by the UGC into University are eligible.
- Such Colleges should have a 'College with Potential for Excellence' tag and should operate in the vicinity of 15-20 km.
- Colleges with high Teacher-Student Ratio, Post –Graduate Departments, and having filled 85% of their sanctioned faculty positions etc. are eligible to be considered
- These colleges selected should offer inter and multi-disciplinary programs.
- Reduce the burden of affiliation and allow for quality enhancement in high quality institutions
- 8 Units approved for Rs.440 Cr with a Central share of Rs. 330 Cr. Funds released till 30th Aug. 2017 - Rs. 131. Cr

3. Infrastructure Grants to Universities

- Universities with valid NAAC accreditation over 2.5 out of 4 will be eligible.
- Grant to support for strengthening for infrastructure facilities for new construction, renovation and purchase of equipment.
- 117 units approved for 2319.53 Cr with a Central share of Rs.149.02 Cr. Funds released till 30th August, 2017 – 775.67 Cr



MDC Atmakur Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

4. New Model Colleges

- Create Colleges with requisite infrastructure (class rooms, library, laboratory, faculty rooms, toilet blocks and other essential requirements with technological advanced facilities) in Educationally Backward Districts.
- Such Colleges created in districts below the national GER (12.4 as on 2012) in un-served and under-served districts.
- 72 units approved for 859.69 Cr with a central share of Rs.548.12 Cr. Funds released till 30th August, 2017 – 300.69 Cr

5. Upgradation of Existing Degree Colleges to Model Degree Colleges

- Upgrade existing degree colleges in non-educationally backward districts into a Model Degree College.
- 54 units approved for 212.36 Cr with a central share of Rs.149.52 Cr. Funds released till 30th August, 2017 – 75.95 Cr



Government Engineering College, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh

6. New Colleges (Professional)

- To create new Professional Colleges in regions and districts in the country where the Gross Enrolment Ratio (in Technical and Professional Education) is below national average.
- Support under this component is to improve GER in engineering and professional education in regions where almost no such facility exists.
- 29 units approved for 754 Cr with a central share of Rs.556.4 Cr. Fund released till 30th Aug. 2017 – Rs.178.75 Cr.

7. Infrastructure Grants to Colleges

- Colleges with valid NAAC accreditation over 2.5 out of 4 will be eligible.
- Grant to support for strengthening of infrastructure facilities for new construction, renovation and purchase of equipment.
- 1249 units approved for Rs.2,498.79 Cr with a central share of Rs.1686.45 Cr. Fund released till 30th August, 2017 – Rs.896.59 Cr

8. Research, Innovation and Quality Improvement

- This component supported State as a Unit
- State Universities eligible for support after submitting a comprehensive research plan
- Based on evaluation by an expert committee, the proposals were supported
- 3 units approved for Rs.37.27 Cr with a central share of Rs.23.05 Cr. Fund released till 30th August, 2017 – Rs.12.03 Cr

9. Equity Initiatives (State as a Unit)

- To improve education of the most vulnerable and disposed social and economic groups this initiative address State as a Unit.
- Financial assistance provided in addressing gender disparities, education through language labs and remedial coaching for socially-economically marginalised groups
- 18 units approved for Rs. 77.45 Cr with a central share of Rs.59.05 Cr. Fund released till 30th August, 2017 – Rs. 24.93 Cr



Computer Lab at Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana

10. Faculty Recruitment Support

- Creating faculty positions in Colleges and Universities where the Institution has mandatorily complied with filling up 85% of its sanctioned vacant faculty positions.
- These positions are provided to improve better quality enhancement in teaching and research
- 253 units approved for Rs.26.24 Cr with a central share of Rs.22.27 Cr. Fund released till 30th August, 2017 – Rs.0.65 Cr

11. Faculty Improvements

- Support to Academic Staff College (now called Human Resource Development Centres) for Capacity Building of faculty in Colleges and Universities.
- Out of the 67 HRDCs, 12 HRDCs qualified as performers.
- Financial assistance provided to improve pedagogy, instructional design, refresher, orientation and teacher training programs for faculty.
- 8 units approved for Rs.41.49 Cr with a central share of Rs.28.04 Cr. Fund released till 30th August, 2017 – Rs. 7.57Cr

12. Institutional Restructuring, Capacity Building and Reform

- This component provides technical support to States to build their capacities in setting up institutional processes and structures in smooth implementation of the RUSA scheme
- Financial assistance provided through the state's share of MMER Grants

13. Vocationalisation of Higher Education (State as a Unit)

- The component seeks to provide support to skill based programs in Colleges and Universities.
- The purpose of such an intervention is to improve the employability potential of college and university graduates and post-graduates.
- Financial assistance under this component is meant to equip students with training and orientation sectoral skill areas.
- 7 units approved for Rs.93.43 Cr with a central share of Rs.62.259 Cr. Fund released till 30th August, 2017 – Rs. 34.0605Cr

14. Leadership Development and Curriculum Reform

- To improve knowledge, skills, competencies and employability of new generation learners
- To improve the domain knowledge and instructional capabilities of the faculty
- To provide a holistic and sound basis to the advancement of curriculum by brining about changes in related systems such as assessment and examination systems and procedures
- Financial assistance under this scheme is being used to support 10-15 Universities to improve their curriculum in identified areas.
- 640 Higher Education Administrators trained with an Central assistance of Rs.5 crores
- 10 units approved for Rs.5 Crs with a central share of Rs.5 Cr. Funds released till 30th Aug. 2017 – Rs. 1 Cr

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