



## विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग University Grants Commission

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Dear Vice-Chancellor,

As you may be aware, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many students who aspire higher studies abroad may decide to stay back and pursue studies in India. Similarly, many students who are currently pursuing higher studies abroad want to complete their studies while in India. Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India has introduced "Stay in India and Study in India" Initiative in order to provide appropriate opportunities to both these categories of students.

In this regard, a Committee under my Chairmanship will prepare Guidelines to ensure that more and more students will study in India and come out with issues/ aspects related to twinning and joint degree programmes; multi-disciplinary and innovative programmes; lateral entry to Indian Universities and increasing intake in Universities for foreign students etc.

It is pertinent to mention here that the inputs from our Universities will play a vital role in protecting the interests of our students and furthering the cause of providing quality higher education. I would be grateful if you could share your views on the above-mentioned issues by 31st July, 2020 so that the same can be deliberated upon by the Committee and suitably incorporated in the guidelines.

You may share your views/comments with Dr. Manju Singh, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) by writing to her at <a href="mailto:manjusinghuge@gmail.com">manjusinghuge@gmail.com</a>.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Prof. D.P. Singh)

To:

Vice-Chancellor of all Universities