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University Grants Commission (UGC) has a scheme of ‘Joint Appointment for Exchange of Human Resources’ between universities and other Institutions/Organizations. The objective of the scheme is to improve the academic environment in the university system by promoting collaboration and formal linkages with other universities, national laboratories, institutes of national importance and industrial research & development laboratories in all branches of knowledge through programme of teaching, training and research and to encourage non university institutions to benefit from the expertise in the university system.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched the Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) to bring in foreign academicians to teach courses in Government Institutions of higher learning. Each teaching module is a one week (12 to 14 hours) or two week (24 to 28 hours) course which is taught by a faculty from abroad in an Indian academic Institution, sometimes jointly with the Indian host faculty. Till now 352 Courses with foreign experts from about 38 countries are either approved or under approval and others are in the process of review.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani today in a written reply to a Lok Sabha question.

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